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Rising Sun Centennial Celebration 1860—1960



Historical Notes on our Community
RISING SUN, MARYLAND

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SUN JUBILEE DAYS QUEEN AND HER COURT



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**One of these girls will be "Sun Jubilee Days Queen"
of the Centennial Celebration**

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and the

CITIZENS OF RISING SUN, MARYLAND

Proudly Present

the historical spectacular

SUN JUBILEE DAYS

A John B. Rogers Production

RISING SUN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD

Curtain Time 8:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 1960

Written, staged and directed by

PHILLIP R. FRABLE

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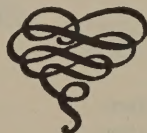
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CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sept. 8, 1960

White House, Wash., D. C.

Telegram

Honorable Ralph M. Reed

Mayor Rising Sun

Through Senator J. Glen Beall and Senator John Marshall Butler I have learned of the 100th anniversary of the town of R. S. This town has a proud heritage. It has established a fine record of community life and has sent out many citizens to serve the nation. Congratulations and best wishes.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

CAST
of
"SUN JUBILEE DAYS"

TRUMPETERS:

Pamela Richardson, Kathy Witman, Eileen McNerney, Lois Eldreth, Barbara Brokaw, Maralyn Rawlings

BOY SCOUTS:

Wayne Webb, George Mears, Richard Mears, Rocky Huntington, Steve Mears, Lawrence White, Tommy Fowler, Ellis Benjamin, Billy Ewing, Paul Mears, Tony Hurley, John Snyder, Roger Weldy, David Ewing, Bruce Keller, Remington White, William Harvey, James Center, Ray Jones, Steve Wallace, Larry Jones

GIRL SCOUTS:

Janet David, Patricia Lane, Evelyn Massey, Eula Terry, Cynthia Tripp, Kathy Witman, Maralyn Rawlings, Peggy Frazier, Paula Gray, Patsy Wimmer, Gloria Wilson, Emilie Mahoney, Linda Jones, Diane Martin, Sharon Lough, Lois Abel, Becky Hansen, Delphine Fowler, Sharon Stuart

BROWNIES:

Cynthia Lane, Lucy Bishop, Mary Jane Oatman, Kay Tome, Charlene Hinkle, Marilyn Hamilton, Nancy Thomas, Cathy Gray, Donna Stemple, Sharon Robertson, Mary Brooks

CUB SCOUTS:

Larry Webb, Sam Dixon, Rogert Frétwell, Dick Hall, Pete Pritchard, Bobbie Gray

INDIAN WOMEN:

Mary Lou Osani, Jean F. West, Katherine Marie McCillan, Carol V. Jones, Anna L. Riley, Jean McGlothlin, Madolyn Harris, Phyllis D. Bryant

INDIAN BRAVES:

Paul Sexton, Stephen Marcin, Allen Harrington, Nile Scharf, Terry Emerson, Mide Alderman, Tommy Vernon, Jim Graig, Warren Brumfield, Terry C. Vickery

INDIAN BOYS:

Robert Lee Riley, Dougie McGlothlin, Jonnie McGlothlin, Lynn Harris, Wesley Osani

INDIAN GIRLS:

Sharon Lee West, Kathy Marie McMillian, Carolyn Sue McMillan, Debbie Lynn Jones, Roxanne Harris, Linda Sue Bryant.

INDIAN DANCERS:

Patricia Ann Deaner, Ingrid Maki, Paula Shmel, Christine Elaine Tome, Virginia McGlothlin, Sharon June Jones, Sandra Snyder,

Kathy Barrett, Roberta Lee Baldwin, Barbara Lynerd, Betty Lou Brewer, Toni Sherry Moore, Betty Ashley, Joanne Emerson, Rose Ann Schuman, Loreen L. Greany, Laura Lee Ewing, Joyce Starling, Sandy Alderman, Linda Ewing, Peggy Griffin, Betty Griffin, Jean Webb, Elaine Montgomery, Patsy Pierce

INDIAN PRINCESS:

Jeannie Prigel

PIONEER MEN:

William Haines, Floyd L. Warrington, C. Harry Davis, Francis Dixon, Alfred Haines, Charles Davis, Benjamin Haines, John E. Tyson, Donald Balderston, E. Rick Karlsson

PIONEER WOMEN:

Elsie Brockins, Mrs. Floyd Warrington, Mrs. Francis Dixon, Mrs. Ada Davis, Mrs. Rebecca Haines, Ruth Ann Davis, Cris Dodds, Jessie Hovermill, Tina Terry, Mrs. Donald Balderston, Mrs. Charles Ferguson, Dawn Blackburn.

PIONEER BOYS:

Herbert Haines, Ronnie D. Jones, Raymond Goodman, Joe McCummings, Richard McCummings, Berry McCummings, Stephen Balderson, Ronnie Dixon, Jerry Dixon, Donald Brown

PIONEER GIRLS:

Ruth Anne Jones, Linda Sue Goodman, Wanda Kaye Montgomery, Gilda Montgomery, Gail Montgomery, Joyce Ann McCummings, Margaret Jane McCummings, Donna Balderston, Mary Lou Webb

COLONIAL MEN:

Robert Guethler, Carl Hansen, Robert M. Campbell, Kirk Brokaw, Kenny Orr, Mack Reece, Robert Love, Richard Hovermill

COLONIAL WOMEN:

Elisabeth Love, Evelyn Massey, Clarissa Stemple, Dorothy Harrington, Virginia Oliver, Ethel Gaul, Pearl Boyd, Shirley Feltman

OLD FASHIONED MEN:

Donald Lyle, John E. Bard, Lloyd Foard, Richard Jenkins, B. B. Buck, Robert Lyle, Robert Wimmer, Robert Graybeal, Emanuel McClure, Donald McClellan, Fred Kilby

OLD FASHIONED WOMEN:

Hazel Jenkins, Marion Garrettson, Margaret Frazier, Lois Wimmer, Patricia Mears, Doloris McClellan, Virginia M. Graybeal, Mariam E. Haines, Marianne McClure, Emma Carter, Bobbie Kilby

A Synopsis of Scenes and Episodes contained in . . . "SUN JUBILEE DAYS"

EPISODE ONE: THE PROLOGUE

A brilliant and colorful spectacle in which our many visitors are welcomed to the Centennial Celebration. The Boy Scouts, The Girl Scouts, The Cub Scouts and the Brownie Scouts assemble to pay homage to the Princesses of the Royal Court of honor and our Centennial Queen.

EPISODE TWO: IN THE BEGINNING

With a sweep of his mighty hand, The great spirit created the heavens and the worlds below. He created the forests and the sparkling waters, the fish, and the game and the tobacco for the "calumet." America became the home of the Redmen . . . and the greatest of these were the Susquesahannocks.

EPISODE THREE: THE LAND OF THE SUSQUESAHANNOCK

In the year 1661 Governor Phillip Calvert signed a treaty with the Susquesahannock Indians. Thus the Indian gave up all rights to his land.

EPISODE FOUR: EARLY SETTLEMENT

In the year 1681, King Charles the Second of England granted to William Penn the land west of the Delaware River. Soon settlers of the Quaker religion settled in this area.

EPISODE FIVE: A NEW PEOPLE IN A NEW LAND

People lured by the promises of this land came to establish homes and tame the vast wilderness. The travel over the established trade routes came past the tavern at Summer Hill.

EPISODE SIX: REMEMBER THE SABBATH

When the pioneers came to this land they brought with them not only their belief in democracy and freedom of opportunity, but they came with the priceless belief in God and the freedom of worship.

EPISODE SEVEN: THE CROSS KEYS TAVERN

Capt. Leonard Krauss who fought under General George Washington built a tavern at Harrisville in 1802. An annual Celebration Ball was held on February 22 and it proved to be the highlight of the social season.

EPISODE EIGHT: THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION

Most of the early settlers were people of limited education but the education of their children was never neglected even from the beginning.

EPISODE NINE: THE INCORPORATION OF A TOWN

It was early in the year of 1860 that the agitation for incorporation of the community was raised. The community of Summer Hill changed its name to Rising Sun and became a town.

EPISODE TEN: THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

The years 1861 through 1865 were hard ones . . . but at home and on all fronts, with plow and with gun, the people of Rising Sun responded to the "call to arms" with all facilities.

EPISODE ELEVEN: THE COMING OF THE RAILROAD

The years after the war were years of returning to a normal way of living. Rising Sun contracted railroad fever in 1866, for it was in that year that the construction of the railroad line was begun.

EPISODE TWELVE: THE WOODLAWN CAMP MEETING

One of the community's most looked forward to events of by gone days was the annual Woodlawn Camp Meetings located in the Hopewell-Jackson Park Area.

EPISODE THIRTEEN: MEMORIES OF THE 90's

The townspeople are gathering for one of those exciting river boat excursions down the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay on the old side wheelers, the S.S. Emma Giles.

EPISODE FOURTEEN: WORLD WAR I

Then came the turbulent teens . . . the year is 1917. Once again the citizens of Rising Sun heard the troubled sounds of war. Like a thundercloud it broke and hands across the sea reached to plead for help.

EPISODE FIFTEEN: THE ROARING TWENTIES

Flivers, flappers, flag-pole sitters, jazz. Pro-(hic!)-bition . . . and prosperity.

EPISODE SIXTEEN: THE SEIGE FOR FREEDOM

Again came the dreaded news . . . WAR . . . December 7, 1941. A day that will live in infamy.

EPISODE SEVENTEEN: TO THE FUTURE

Ahead, people of Rising Sun lie new horizons. Stand here today and see tomorrow. Multitudes of people coming to us . . . and when they arrive, reach out your hand and say, "Welcome . . . We are Americans!"

EPISODE EIGHTEEN: FIREWORKS FINALE

A scintillating spectacle of Pyrotechnics.

SCHOOL BOYS:

Stevie R. Foster, Charles Cameron, Gary E. Mink, Wesley Cameron,
Eddie Hamilton, Teddy Holbrook, Terry Craig

SCHOOL GIRLS:

Gilda Montgomery, Sharon Elaine Owens, Deane Janney, Gail
Montgomery, Charlotte Owens, Judy L. Cole, Pricilla Reynolds

SCHOOL TEACHER:

Dicie Rakes

CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS:

Remington White, George Graybeal, Dicky Richardson, Kenny Shires,
Wayne Everly Jenkins, Bruce Keller, Kenneth Eckard, Kenny Jen-
kins, Bobby Gamble, Edward Gibson

GAY 90 TOWNSMEN:

Robert Hughes, Robert Guethler, Edward Johnson, Robert Campbell,
Harvey Anderson, Burdiuss Sawyers, Clarence Meadows, Hobert
Bartlett, William Bartlett, Clarence Comer, Robert Love, Richard
Hovermill, Kirk Brokaw, Carl Hansen, Robert N. Ross

GAY 90 TOWNSWOMEN:

Jean Lucas, Evelyn Kerns, Evelyn Massey, Dorothy Harrington,
Ruth Cullen, Pearl Boyd, Ellen Shure, Ethel Gaul, Shirley Feltman,
Elisabeth Love, Dorothy Schofield, Elouise Smith, Clarissa Stemple,
Virginia Oliver, Maryland Neff, Mary L. Ross, Helen L. Astle

GAY 90 GIRLS:

Susan Lucas, Eula Terry, Barbara Lucas, Vickie Schuman, Yvonne

Schuman, Jean Lucas, Sue Feltman, Barbara Kerns, Brenda Garvin,
Grace Terry, Margaret Ann Logan, Suzanne Ross, Betsy Lou Ross,
Eleanor A. Astle, Alma Lou Astle

GAY 90 BOYS:

Harry Fisher, Robert Lucas, Rex Feltman, John Cullen, Bobby
Cameron, Barry Cameron, Mack Reece, Ty McMullen, Kenny Orr,
Roger Schuman, Norman Eugene Astle, Jr., Charles Jadwin

CAN CAN GIRLS:

Bertha MacCauley, Sally Mahoney, Janice Duff, Linda McCardell,
Betty Jane Haines, Margie Jean Conner, Linda Frazier, Judy Hansen

CHARLESTON DANCERS:

Donna Parker, Dianne Haines, Judy Benham, Louise Woodard,
Patricia McInturff, Elaine Hovermill, Carolyn Benjamin, Elaine
Witman, Nancy Durgin, Lois Abel, Sharon Lee Lough, Gloria
Wilson, Dessa Ann Starling, Cheryl Porter, Donna Stuart, Brenda
Edwards, Mary Long, Linda Jones, Becky Hansen

IWO JIMA SOLDIERS:

PRINCIPAL MEN:

Ray Adams, Lee Davis, Robert E. Shallcross, Jay O. Ewing, Foard
Lloyd, Charles Ritchie, Jr., James Wilson, Daniel A. Hall, Harry
Ernst

PRINCIPAL WOMEN:

Betty Reynolds, Marie Murduck, Jane Cameron, Nancy Osborne,
Diana Smith, Dorothy Alderman, Shirley Ann Alderman



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Brumfield, Grace David, Louise Dodson, Else Kennard, Ada Ely,
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Fran Barrett, Marian Baughman, Edwina Benjamin, Dawn Black-
burn, Betty Jane Buck, Janet Cather, Doris Cole, Marjorie Conner,
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Pogue, Suzanne Poist, Dodie Racine, Bonnie Rakes, Peggy Reynolds,
Audrey Rierison, Sandra Shingler, Colleen Smith, Wanda Stemple,
Roberta Strubble, Glenna Tingle, Barbara Webb, Connie Williams,
Marilyn Woods

The success of our Centennial Celebration is largely due to the tremendous efforts
of unnamed wonderful people who have given of their time and talents.
To them we say, Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Rising Sun Centennial Historical Booklet

Commemorating
A CENTURY OF PROGRESS
*since the Incorporation of
the Borough of Rising Sun
September, 1860*



1960
RISING SUN CENTENNIAL
HISTORICAL BOOKLET COMMITTEE

Designed and Edited by William W. McNamee

Greetings

Rising Sun, always noted for its generous manner of entertaining its friends and visitors, will use every effort to see that all will feel the hospitality of our people and our town.

In welcoming all, to our Centennial Celebration, we extend the friendship which our one hundred years have mellowed in our hearts, and trust that those visitors who are among us will carry away most pleasant memories of Rising Sun, its people and its fun.

With courage, confidence and fortitude that has enabled us to lead and accomplish much for such a small town, we are looking forward to the future and new goals.

We have, in this year of 1960, turned back the clocks one hundred years to honor the pioneers who founded and incorporated our town. Beginning with a Coronation Ball for our Queen and a fantastic parade, we move through a period of celebration that will arouse the enthusiasm of all.

There are many people behind the scenes, all willing and capable workers who have not sought glory in their jobs. To them we owe a debt of gratitude. To these people we owe the success of this greatest venture.

Our sincere thanks to all—and special thanks to the General Chairman, to all Division Heads and Committeemen who have worked steadily since March. The merchants who supported the celebration wholeheartedly, the workers of the Community Fire Company and the American Legion Post #194 together with respective Ladies' Auxiliaries who were the leaders in publicizing the Brothers of the Brush and the Centennial Belles.

RALPH M. REED
Mayor

The Centennial Celebration

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 Jay Ewing
 Verna Grason

Special Assistants
 Mrs. Wanda Stemple, Town Beauty
 Salon for Hair Stylist for Sun Jubilee Days Queen and her Court.
 Horace Ewing of the Fair Hill Gardens and T. Middleton, Florist, for Flowers and Corsages for Queen and Court.

Parade
 Raymond Guethler, *Chairman*
 Ina Guethler
 Raymond Scheck
 Warren Warren
 Robert Kennard
 Frank Adams
 Donald Lyle
 James Kerns
 David Cullen
 Sgt. Wm. Massey
 Chief Albert Dutt
 Claude West
 Vernon McMullen
 Frank Yale

Music

Sarah Boyd, *Chairman*

Betty Yerkes
Jane Balderston
Dorothy McGuire
Lois Garvin
Betty Blaker
Rose Ehrhart

Historical Windows

Wm. McNamee, *Chairman*

Verna Grason
J. Ewing

Coronation Ball

James Yerkes, *Chairman*

Dr. L. Brandenburg
Kirk Brokaw
Raymond Stewart
Richard Dodson
Thomas Ramsey
Andrew Seth
Ellis F. Hawke

Special Days

Charles Blaker, *Chairman*

Rodeo

Dean Harrington, *Chairman*
Walter Warrington
Hale Harrington
Allan Harrington
Robert Guethler
Donald Lyle

Faith of Our Fathers

Rev. Douglas Ibach, *Chairman*
Rev. Francis Tierney
Harry C. Hall, Jr.

Pioneer Day

Norris Reynolds, *Chairman*
Rev. H. Caldwell
Howard R. Brown
Helen Shephard
Ruth Ewing
Verna Grason

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Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Brinker

Youth Day

Wm. Graham, *Chairman*
Harry Ernst
Darwin Struble
Roberta Struble
Richard Jenkins
Hazel Jenkins
Robert Palmer
David Cullen

Celebration Belles Day

Florence Crothers, *Chairman*
Mary Mahoney
Adeleen Hansen
Mary Logan Anderson

Agriculture Day

Wm. Groff, *Chairman*
Mrs. Atlee Armour
Lloyd Balderston
Donald Balderston
Guy McGrady
Grove Miller
Rufus Benjamin
Raymond Muller (County Agent)



How Summer Hill Became Rising Sun

It has been reasonably established that the village of "Summer Hill" had its beginning around 1710 to 1720 when Henry Reynolds, whose residence and mill was Stone Run, (Nottingham Lot #5) built a public house at the crossroads. The front of this tavern was adorned with a swinging sign depicting the sun at dawn beneath which were the words "The Rising Sun".

Because of its location on the well travelled road between the markets at Lancaster, Wilmington and Philadelphia, Summer Hill was a convenient stop for drovers who brought live stock to city markets. At the rear of the tavern was extensive acreage for pasturing the animals while the personnel enjoyed the hospitality of "The Rising Sun".

This old hostelry was the place for holding elections

for the sixth, eighth and ninth districts, and was the general meeting place for many business transactions. The popularity of the tavern and the oft' heard phrase "we'll meet at the Rising Sun" eventually forced the name Summer Hill into disuse and this swinging sign finally gave our town its present name. We like it.

The history of early commerce and political activity changes frequently in each generation and would be a study in itself; therefore, we will endeavor to record briefly the events and sidelines of the more permanent institutions that have survived and are familiar to today's readers.

Since the history of early schools will be covered in another part of the booklet, this account might well begin with some churches in our community.

RIISING SUN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 9

Evening:

7:30-8:30 Centennial Celebration Cocktail Party at the American Legion.

9:00- 1:00 Centennial Queen's Ball, dancing at the Rising Sun High School Gym. Round and square. "Miss Celebration" and Court of Honor will be announced. Louis Goldstein, State Comptroller, will crown the Celebration Queen. The Queen and the Court of Honor will lead the Grand March.

Saturday, September 10

Afternoon Rides and concessions at the High School Grounds.

10:00-12:00 Western Rodeo off Cemetery Lane. Bull riding, roping, bulldogging, etc.

10:00- 2:00 Opening of the Hospitality Center.

2:30 Grand Centennial Parade featuring many bands, floats and marching units. letic Field.

4:00-7:00 Chicken Bar-B-Q at High School Athletic Field.

7:30 Presentation of Prizes and Awards for the Grand Celebration Parade at the High

5:00 Drill team exhibition at High School Athletic School Athletic Field.

8:00 First performance of "Sun Jubilee Days" with 311 in the cast on a specially built 240 foot stage. Special music and scenic effects at the High School Athletic Field.

9:45 Spectacular Fireworks display.

Sunday, September 11, Faith of Our Fathers' Day

Morning Attend the Church of your choice and give thanks as the town of Rising Sun celebrates its 100th birthday.

Afternoon Promenade in your old-fashioned finery and see the most interesting Historical Windows on display.

7:00 Roman Catholic Field Mass at the High School Athletic Field. This will be a Low Mass celebrated in English.

8:15 Union Protestant Service at the High School Athletic Field. Music by combined choirs of all of the area churches with Rev. Joseph Dickerson delivering the message.

Monday, September 12

Pioneer and Homecoming Day

All Day Viewing of Our Historical Window Displays.

10:00- 2:00 Registration of all guests and former residents at the Hospitality Center in the Janes Methodist Church.

12:00- 1:00 Coffee Hour at the Methodist Church.

1:00- 3:00 Tour of historical places.

3:00- 5:00 Pioneers and Old-Timers Recognition ceremony with awards. Awards to be given for Oldest Woman, Oldest Man, Longest Continuous Resident, etc. Special speakers, music and entertainment at the Sun Theater.

Afternoon Opening of the Rides and Concessions at the High School grounds.

4:00- 7:00 Pioneer dinner at the Methodist Social Hall. Public invited.

6:30 Business and Industrial dinner at the American Legion.

5:00- 7:00 Dinner served by the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church at the High School Cafeteria. Open to the public.

7:30 Welcoming address and greetings from dignitaries.

7:45 Presentation of Awards of the Pioneer and Old Timer Recognition.

8:00 Second Performance of "Sun Jubilee Days".

9:45 Gigantic Display of Fireworks.

Tuesday, September 13, Youth Day

10:00- 2:00 Registration of all guests and former residents at the Hospitality Center in the Janes Methodist Church.

Afternoon Opening of all rides and concession.

All Day Viewing of Historical Window Displays.

2:30 Centennial Youth Parade. Prizes for decorated vehicle, marching groups, floats, go carts and others.

4:00 Bicycle competitions at the High School Athletic field with prizes given. Competition between boys and girls in grades one through eight and between boys and girls in grades nine through twelve.

4:45 Judging of Girls' costumes with many prizes given at the High School Athletic Field.

4:45 Judging of Boys' costumes and a Beard Judging for the young members of the Brothers of the Brush.

5:00- 7:00 Dinner at the High School Cafeteria.

7:15 Judging of the Beards of the Brothers of the Brush.

7:45 Presentation of awards for Youth Day.

8:00 Third performance of "Sun Jubilee Days".

9:45 Fireworks Display.

Wednesday, September 14, Celebration Belles

10:00- 2:00 Registration of all guests and former residents at the Hospitality Center in the Janes Methodist Church.

All Day Viewing of the Historical Window Displays.

2:00 Celebration Belles Costume Judging at the High School breeze-way. Awards to be given in many categories.

2:30 Tea and Fashion Show at the High School breeze-way for the Celebration Belles and friends. The Fashion Show to be comprised of authentic dresses from many periods.

5:00- 7:00 Dinner at the High School Cafeteria.

7:30 Presentation of the winners of the costume judging and fashion show.

8:00 Fourth performance of the Historical Pageant "Sun Jubilee Days".

9:45 Gigantic Display of Fireworks.

Thursday, September 15, Agriculture Day

All Day Viewing of Historical Window Displays.

10:00- 2:00 Registration of all guests and former residents at the Hospitality Center in the Janes Methodist Church.

1:00 Agriculture Parade of Old and New Farm Machinery with many interesting and exciting entries.

2:30 Display of antique farm machinery and a film on the progress in agricultural methods and use of machines.

4:30 Presentation of Awards for Agricultural Parade.

4:00- 7:00 Beef Bar-B-Q at the High School grounds.

7:00- 7:30 Agriculture Keynote Speaker.

7:30- 8:00 Remington Rand Shaving Contest at the High School Athletic Field.

8:00 Final performance of the Historical Pageant "Sun Jubilee Days".

9:45 Final Fireworks Display.





TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF RISING SUN 1960

Mayor Ralph M. Reed

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The History of Rising Sun

This historical review of Rising Sun, admittedly, is not written in the conventional manner but its lack of journalistic perfection we hope will be overlooked if, through this chronological approach, the reader can withdraw himself from the present and picture our town's progress over a span of the last hundred years or more.

Rising Sun has had its trials, its errors, its triumphs and its disappointments but through it all the citizenry enjoys a happiness of spirit, courage and determination that has enabled a town so small to attempt and successfully accomplish many civic projects so big.

The sources of information for this account have been many and varied. For earliest events of historical importance we have relied on George Johnston's History of Cecil County published in 1881. Some early items pertaining to the Town of Rising Sun were found in writings of E. Henry Haines, a former resident who in the 1840's received his early education in the "Old Stone Schoolhouse" east of town. An abundance of information about the buildings and business establishments was written in 1879 by Isaac Taylor.

For the most interesting items that heretofore have never been recorded in printed form for public distribution, we are indebted to Mr. Howard Brown of Sylmar for the loan of an historically valuable scrap book that had been faithfully compiled by his late wife, Ella Roberson Brown, during her lifetime. Other interesting items have been gleaned from fragile newspapers, family records, and from many interviews with golden aged residents of the community. Mrs. William Reeder has made available to the writer another fine scrapbook kept by her mother. Miss Verna Grason, who lives on Cherry Street, proved to have a wealth of history, records, pictures about early Rising Sun. Her many trips to our house with a newly found item or picture have been of great material help as well as an inspiration in assembling it all.

Perhaps this amateur effort, together with the many old photographs and additional historical data that will appear on display during the celebration will inspire some writer more competent to write a book about this biggest little town below the line "where Dixie begins."

It is reasonable to conclude the original and most active thoroughfare in Rising Sun two hundred or more years ago was Pearl Street. (The writer has been unable to learn by whom it was renamed) since it was on this "Road to Walnut Lane" the records lead us to believe were not only the original buildings of the West Nottingham Church and Dr. Finley's famous school of West Nottingham, but later our first public school and almost the whole of the town's industry which included a foundry, carriage shops of John and Jacob Kirk, wheelwrights and harness shops. This "Road to Walnut Lane" connected to the well traveled road from Lancaster to Port Deposit shipping points. From Lancaster county it was a fairly straight course from Griests Fording and Lee's Bridge over Goat Hill through what is recently referred to as the Arch Akers Farms, thence past Oak Grove School down the hill past the Woollens Mill property, George Orr, John Tosh, Harrisville, West Nottingham, Battle Swamp and Port Deposit. In writing of Woollens Mill on Stone Run, it is recorded in the records of the West Nottingham Friends Meeting that this property on Stone Run was the home of one Henry Reynolds who built the stone tavern at the Summer Hill crossroads, later becoming the town of Rising Sun. Even today it is on Walnut Lane that our oldest and most substantial homes are located. We speake particularly of the homes on the farms of Phleet Cooper, Mrs. William Reynolds, Hugh Evans, George Orr, John and Deborah Tosh, and their neighbors on the W. K. Bird property at

Harrisville and the home of the famous patriot Capt. Leonard Krauss recently occupied by the Harry Dinsmore family.

1709

It has been written that "Wm. Penn, in the Spring of 1701 rode over the ground in company with the leaders of a party, and during this visit he is said to have marked with his own hand a spot he selected, from which the water decended in all directions, as the site of the present Brick Meeting House". This first meeting house at Calvert (four miles east of Rising Sun) was erected in 1709 or 1710. "It was built of hewn chestnut and yellow poplar logs".

1727-1730

The first meeting house of "Little Brick" or West Nottingham Friends meeting (Harrisville to West Nottingham Road) was erected by "The People of God, called Quakers" on part of Penn's lot #20, one and one-fourth miles SW of Rising Sun. When this building was replaced by a brick one in 1811 the original frame one was purchased and moved to Rising Sun on the property of a carpenter, Benjamin Reynolds who used it for a carpenter shop and stable. (Some will remember this small building standing in the side yard of Henry Cummings, directly across the street from the old Post Office on Cherry Street. Sometime during the 1930's it was purchased and removed by A. M. McNamee who made several items of furniture from its timbers).

Congratulations to Rising Sun on its 100th Birthday

After 100 eventful years, Rising Sun has become a community that does credit to the American way of life. For nearly half of those years, the Conowingo Power Company has been a constant partner in furthering the community's growth. Electricity has been a tremendous boon to Rising Sun's business and home life and to its nearby fertile farms.

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West Nottingham Presbyterian Church 1741

The present West Nottingham Presbyterian Church had its beginning "on the brow of the hill" on the road to Walnut Lane (presently West Pearl Street) leading to the mills on Stone Run. Because of a difference of opinion on the doctrine of one Rev. George Whitefield, there was a split in the congregation that caused the Presbyterians to worship in separate churches for many years.

In Johnsons History of Cecil County, page 281, we read: "During this time the congregations maintained their separate organizations: the First, or Old Side worshipping in the church near the road on the north-west of the village of Rising Sun, and the New Side, in the meeting house which stood in the graveyard on the north side of the road west of the creek.

"In 1796 the congregations having been united resolved to build a new meeting house, but they disagreed about its location, and it was not until 1800—presbytery, at their request, having in the meantime sent a committee there to endeavor to unite the congregations upon the choice of a site—that the location of the present house, which some years ago was enlarged and improved, was begun. The work of erecting the new church on account of the poverty of the congregation

was an herculean task, and in 1803 they obtained an act of the legislature authorizing them to institute a lottery for the purpose of obtaining the requisite funds to complete it. Samuel Miller, Robert Evans, Thomas Williams, David Patton, James Cummings, James Sims, John Porter and Jonathan Hartshorn are the names of the commissioners designated in the act for the purpose of putting the lottery into operation. Their bond for \$3,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties may be seen among the land records of the county."

On page 288 Johnson wrote: "This method of raising money for church purposes may seem highly reprehensible at this time, but it was not considered to be so then. As early as 1791 the vestry of North Sassafras Parish had resorted to the same method, and for a long time subsequently whenever money was needed for any public purpose or utility, such as the digging of a public well, or the founding of a village library, this method of raising funds was resorted to. Those who are disposed to find fault with our forefathers for indulging in this practice, should remember that they acted under the sanction of the law and that many professing Christians of the present time (1881) find means to evade it by resorting to cunningly devised schemes which are quite as demoralizing and uncertain as lotteries."



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Rising Sun Cornet Band, 1893. This wagon was made in Lancaster City in 1845 at a cost of \$600.00.

1765

On May 8 and 9 of 1765 Mason and Dixon's survey party worked just North of Town establishing the famous line that took us out of Pennsylvania and put us in Maryland, "Where Dixie Begins."

1806

The present Ebenezer Methodist Church was organized under the name of "Goshen"—located in "Susquehanna Hundred". Trustees were F. H. Sprotson, Thomas Janney, Edw. Veal, Caleb Edmondson, and Wm. Tyson. Church was rebuilt in 1826.

1810

The Hopewell Society that was incorporated in 1802 built its first place of worship, a log church that served until 1848 when replaced by the brick Church which after many improvements serves them well today.

1845

A "Band of Music" was organized in Rising Sun, September, 1845, John A. Reynolds, leader. This group of fine musicians are the proud owners of a splendid

band wagon manufactured in Lancaster City at a cost of \$600.00.

A Quaker school was established in the residence of Job Jackson at the corner of Main and Walnut streets where now is operated the service station of Raymond Stuart.

1852

New Odd Fellows Hall erected on N.E. Corner of Center Square. It was a square two-story brick building with store space on first floor and lodge rooms on second. According to E. Henry Haines "the roof slanted in from all four sides and was topped by an odd looking cupola that displeased him very much.

1854

First Methodist Church built in 1854. Mr. Augustus Brumfield told us long ago that this little Church was built of frame and was painted white. Cost \$1800.

1855

The large covered bridge at Gilpins Rocks near Bayview was reported to have been built during this year.



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1860

Under an Act of the State Legislature passed in May, 1860, the village of Rising Sun became an Incorporated Town. The first Town Commissioners elected were Messrs. Azariah Rittenhouse, Jacob Kirk, Job Haines and Jesse P. Howell.

1866

The Baltimore Central RR was finished and the cars commenced to run through Rising Sun in the spring of 1866, since which time most of the present town was built. Before the RR, the markets for local produce were principally the steamship lines at Port Deposit when wagons hauled hay, grain and corn there as well as to the markets at Lancaster, Pa., and Wilmington, Delaware.

1871

The present Firemen's Hall on Queen and Cherry Streets was erected by Lodges of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. In its life of eighty-nine years it has housed a National Bank two different times, has been a carriage shop, a furniture and undertaking establishment, several times a school, church services of three different denominations, Sunday school, a restaurant several different times, a millinery store, a doctor's office, a library and after this account is published people

will tell us several more enterprises that we haven't heard before.

Woodlawn Camp Meeting established by M. E. Churches. The grounds were purchased Oct. 14, 1873, from F. Marion Rawlings and Theo. Vannaman. This annual two-week event offered religious uplifts to all and also furnished the social meeting place from which many romances grew. The young men took advantage of every opportunity to "Hot Rod" their fast horses and shiny buggies with tops struck—not unlike the "Convertible" driving youth of 1960.

Evans, Wood & Co. established the first banking business in rooms in the Maryland House, the hotel that replaced the first building, the Rising Sun Tavern, whose popularity changed our town's name from Summer Hill to Rising Sun.

Disastrous fire destroyed the fine hotel, "The Maryland House," operated by William and Sarah Grason, grandparents of Miss Verna Grason who presently lives on Cherry Street (and has been very active on the historical committees and hospitality committee of this Centennial). Along with this grand hotel of sixty rooms the fire destroyed the town's biggest industrial enterprise, the iron foundry, owned by John Bowden, located on Pearl Street near the location of the log cabin headquarters. In a rare old newspaper account of the fire we read:



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Second Maryland House, remodeled by Grasons after fire. — Present Rising Sun Hotel.

July 1872

A very destructive fire occurred at Rising Sun yesterday (Tuesday) morning. The fire was first observed in the woodshop at the rear of the foundry building and before flames could be checked they spread to the foundry and machine shop, from thence to the stabling of the Maryland House and thence to the Hotel. In the other direction it went to the coach works and a dwelling house owned by John T. Bowden who is also the owner of the foundry and machine shop.

The citizens of the borough worked with a will, and with great difficulty saved from destruction the stores of Messrs. Rittenhouse and Kimball. The store of the former gentleman was saved only by wrapping the

woodwork with new carpet which was taken from the store and keeping it thoroughly wet. The great scarcity of water was a serious obstacle, all the wells and cisterns near the fire being pumped dry.

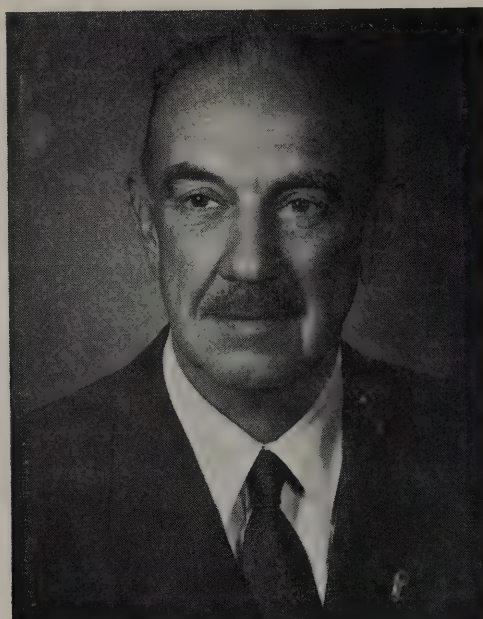
The horses and some other property in the stables were removed therefrom and the horses turned loose in the road. The principal portion of the furniture on the first and second floors of the hotel was saved but a large amount of the third floor was consumed. The Banking House Office of Evans, Wood and Co. occupied a portion of the first floor but all the money, books, paper, etc., were safely secured and the safe removed from the building. The dwelling belonging to Mr. Bowden and occupied by a Mr. Smith was entire-



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ly consumed together with its contents, the inmates saving nothing but the clothes they wore. Mr. Grason, the proprietor of the hotel, and a son saved nothing of wearing apparel but which they had upon their persons.

All the buildings mentioned, consisting of the Hotel (one of the finest in that portion of the State) and stabling, Foundry and Machine Shop, Coach shop, and shedding and dwelling house and stable were burned to the ground. The loss will fall heavily upon the owners of the properties. Mr. Grason's loss is estimated at \$20,000; insured for only \$6,000. We have not learned the probable amount of loss Mr. Bowden will sustain, but it will be very heavy; no insurance. The Coach Shops and contents were insured for about \$5,000.

The alarm of fire was given at half past one o'clock. The Oxford Fire Co. was immediately telegraphed for but there being no one at the telegraph office to receive the message, the company did not receive word in time to render assistance. (Oxford's equipment at that date was a horse drawn steam pumper.)

This is a severe strike upon Rising Sun from which it will take a long time to recover. Had the wind been in the other direction it is probable nearly the whole town would have burned. Our reporter desired us to say that the numerous friends of Mr. Johnson, of Bal-

timore will be glad to learn that he is safe and sound and when our reporter left the scene of the conflagration, he was taking boarding with trunk, etc., with him on the drug store porch.

The above was copied from a newspaper account pasted in a scrap book belonging to Mrs. Delia Reeder's mother. The name of the newspaper had been omitted but it is reasonable to assume the reporter was from a Baltimore paper.

It was after this fire that Mr. Grason bought and extensively remodeled the two story Odd Fellows building by adding a third floor and attractive porches and from then it became the second "Maryland House" operated by Mr. George Ringold Grason. Since 1902 it has been successfully operated by Mr. Wm. J. Adams, W. B. Cooney, Dunbar Brothers (Rube and Jerry), Martin Keplinger, and a rapid succession of owners until the present Laleates family who have given the exterior its modern appearance.

1872

Second M. E. Church was built by Charles W. Wilson, Contractor, at a cost of \$12,000.

1873

Organized by F. A. Thompson, Sec. National Grange,



Mt. Ararat Farms, in addition to a complete milk processing and bottling plant and a fleet of delivery trucks, has nearly 800 acres of land and a purebred Guernsey Herd of 225 head.

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St. Agnes Chapel on S. Queen St., erected in 1891.

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The third Grange in the State of Md. was organized in Calvert October 3, 1873. Master, A. H. Briscoe, Rising Sun; Secretary, J. V. Bonsall, Rising Sun.

CHARTER MEMBERS: J. W. Caldwell, Geo. B. Passmore, B. Reynolds, A. H. Briscoe, A. G. Lincoln, H. J. Shepherd, W. G. Brickley, L. Brickley, L. V. Bonsall, A. Bromfield, George Cameron, H. J. Briscoe, F. G. Haines, Wm. Brown, A. G. Kirk, J. Cameron, John P. Wilson, Thomas J. Wilson, Jacob Levayne, Mrs. L. B. Passmore, Mrs. A. Reynolds, Mrs. L. Lincoln, Mrs. M. Brickley.

1874

E. R. Buffington built his first store in Rising Sun on corner of Main and Walnut Streets (Kennard's Mill) which at that time, according to Mr. Albert Buffing-

ton, "Was considered practically out of town, there being no buildings between the store and the railroad "crossing."

1875

Through the efforts of the citizens of the 4th Dist, the Farmers' and Mechanics Mutual Insurance Assoc. of Cecil Co. Inc., was formed.

We understand from Leonard Wilson, present Secretary and Treasurer that the most active organizer was Mr. Henry H. Kimble, the Association's first secretary, in whose home in Appleton, was the first office, later being moved to North East, thence to Zion, its present location.

First officers and directors were: Jonathan Straham, Pres.; H. H. Kimble, Secy.; Jonathen Z. Finley, Thomas W. Strahom and Seruch Titus Kimble.

1876

The first Grange or Patrons of Husbandry in the State of Maryland was organized at Colora under the name of "Advance Lodge No. 1" in the third floor store building owned by Taylor Hindman. Today this would be the property of Mrs. Stelle Garvin.

1878

Our first newspaper was published by W. H. Pennington. The Rising Sun Commercial was sponsored



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W. B. Cooney's Bakery, 1902. Now Dodson's Pharmacy and location of present Post Office.

by Passmore Brothers for their department store which was on the site of the present American Store. Prices listed: pork, 5c lb., lard 7c, chickens, live, 6c, turkeys, dressed, 10c, eggs, 24c a dozen, butter, 22c, and rabbits, 10c. Among the news items we read "There is some talk of running a telephone line from the Bank to the RR Station for the benefit of business and the public in general."

Even eighty-two years ago our business men were not always in total agreement, for in the November issue of the Rising Sun Commercial we read "This copy of the Rising Sun Commercial is printed in the office of the Oxford Press where it will be printed hereafter. The proprietor of the printing office here flatly refuses to print the Commercial any longer, so we are compelled to send the work to our very accommodating neighbor, the Oxford Press."

1880

A greenhouse was built and business was established by Samuel Passmore on South Queen Street on site of the present home of Mr. and Mrs. John Tyson.

The Rising Sun Detective Association was organized "to pursue and recover stolen horses or other property belonging to any member, and to detect and secure for trial the perpetrators of such theft." This organization had a membership of over one hundred and operated until January 1936. Many will remember the annual "detective dinner" served by the church ladies which for

some seemed to develop into a grand eating contest, when many men ate so much they were unable to do any work the remainder of the day. Indeed one lady told the writer that she served seven pieces of pie to Mr. so and so.

The National Bank of Rising Sun built their first bank building on the site of the Maryland House which had burned in 1872. In the foreground of the picture can be seen the village pump that quenched the thirst of travellers and their steeds.

The Hall Building was taken over by Birdsall Passmore who operated a carriage factory, necessitating an addition to the south side of the building to inclose a hand operated elevator. After operating a few years the building was sold to E. R. Buffington.

1881

In the Oxford Press of Jan. 12, 1881 we read:

FOR RENT—Dwelling and Bakery combined. Good stove, room in front, new oven. Apply William Grason, Rising Sun.

(This is the building that was later rented to a family by the name of Nopper, and in 1900 Walter B. Cooney moved there to operate his first bakery in Rising Sun. This building is now the very attractive Drug Store and Gift Shop operated by the Clarence Ashbys.)

Also in the same issue of the Press we notice: "The Susquehanna River is still ice bound. It was crossed in sleighs at Peach Bottom Monday last."

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Old Log House near Birmingham School House...used to hide slaves during Civil War. It is presently being used as Centennial Headquarters.

1885

Former publisher of Cecil Whig Edwin E. Ewing purchased the printing business located in the south side, first floor of Buffington's Hall and began publication of the Midland Journal which was continued by Mr. Ewing's sons Evans E. Ewing and Cecil E. Ewing until 1947 when the ill health of Mr. Evans Ewing forced the discontinuance of the paper. Rising Sun has never been the same since.

My, how we do miss our own Midland Journal!

1891

Eli T. Reynolds established Drug and Prescription business in store presently occupied by Clifford E. Marker and Brumfields Barber shop.

Ernest H. Roberson, Oxford, and Edward Worthington, Bucks County have entered into partnership and will open a dry goods and grocery store in RS in building lately used by J. J. Worrall, near the Bank.

While Father J. Carey was pastor of St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Port Deposit, the Cornerstone of St. Agnes' Chapel in Rising Sun was laid November 22, 1891, and on September 17, 1893, six months after Father Peter P. Arnd became pastor, the church was dedicated. There is indication that Bishop Alfred A. Curtis, D.D., personally supervised the building of this fine Chapel with a seating capacity of two hundred and fifty.

Today, with a crowded church every Sunday, the congregation is indebted to the inspired vision and

courage of Bishop Curtis and Father Carey because in its early days there were very few members and even as late as 1905 there were only thirty-three contributing members.

1893

Another fire on Wednesday, Jan. 18th, 1893 destroyed the large brick building that stood on the corner of Main and Walnut St., where Raymond Stuart's service station is located. It is probably mentioned elsewhere in this book that this building built by Benjamin Reynolds was considered one of the oldest and finest in town and at different times had been a residence, a school, a tavern, a restaurant.

1896

Brookview Cemetery was laid out on farm of Wm. Brown. Organizers were H. H. Haines, W. T. B. R. Roberson, E. M. Hunt. The first person to be buried there was a man named Lum McClure who had a tin shop on the lot where the Sun Theatre stands today.

1901

In November, 1901 the first rural free delivery mail service in Cecil County was established, beginning in Rising Sun and taking into consideration adjacent territory. This first was largely through the initiative of Mrs. Maggie Coale Reynolds who lived north west of town. "The system will be placed under the classified service sometime during the coming winter as was determined by President Theodore Roosevelt immediately after he succeeded to the Presidency."



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**Rising Sun Boys, 1904 Champs. Pat Dare, Joe Riale, Dutch Hall, Bill Reeder
Walter Reeder, Ernest Brickley, Chris Snyder, Bill Snyder, Harry Ritchards,
Joe (Dixie) Devon, catcher and Chalmer Reynolds, pitcher.**

1903

Brinton P. Nichols, in a little building on Pearl St., opposite "The Public" School, started a slaughter shop and Nichols' famous sausage, scrapple and other pork products were peddled by horse and wagon to Port Deposit, Conowingo and adjacent areas. This business after a succession of ownerships including Reed and Tosh, Tosh and Tosh, Brown and Shallcross, is still conducted, but on a much larger scale, by H. E. Shallcross and Son. "Herb" claims he still uses the famous Nichols recipes of fifty years ago.

1904

On April 27, 1904 the Cecil Farmers Club met in the office of the Midland Journal newspaper to consider the establishment of a telephone service for this community. The new Cecil Farmers Telephone Co., born that day was to be headed by the following officers: President, Elwood Balderston, Vice President, A. B. McVey and Cecil Ewing, Secretary. The first exchange switch board was in the dining room of the first operator, Miss Emma Haines, now the attractive residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kirk Brown, III, on S. Queen Street. From the secretary's records we read with interest that "Engineer H. W. Holton was engaged to

construct lines and have full charge of all installation for \$75.00 per month."

"Operator is to receive a salary of \$10.00 per month until sixty telephones have been installed." In 1907 the "company reports that 135 telephones are in service against eighty-nine a year ago" and their exchange in Port Deposit had fifteen customers. From the miniature directory of 1907 we note the hours of service:

Week days . . . From 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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1906

A Meeting was held in Buffington's Hall (Fire Co. Building) when representatives of P. E. & W. Sharpless met with a number of farmers of the neighborhood. As a result, the company will establish a milk condensing plant in Rising Sun. Sometime during the twenties Sharpless sold out to Sheffield Farms, Inc., who shipped bottled milk by rail to New York City. Western Maryland Dairy who acquired the business during the forties discontinued bottling milk and presently truck the bulk milk to Baltimore.

Mr. W. K. Allee, in connection with his brother-in-law, Mr. Harry L. Shepherd, have purchased interests in the mercantile business of E. H. Worthington Depart-

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Franklin Yale



Haines & Kirk Hardware, the oldest continuously operated business establishment in town.

ment Store on SW corner of Main and Queen Sts. The real estate deal included the several stores, the Post Office and the fine residence across the street which is now the Rising Sun branch of the Elkton Banking & Trust Co. John Mackie, Cashier.

1909

Horace M. Duyckinck established the first automobile sales and service in Cecil County in the building just S. of RR crossing on S. Queen St.

Rural mail carrier in this community, Walter Patten, was the first in the county to put an automobile into service on his route. This motorized marvel resembled a buggy in that it had wooden wheels 42" high, a buggy top and a two cylinder engine in the rear, chain drive with a friction disc clutch. The name of the car was Schacht and was bought from Mr. Horace M. Duyckinck.

Morris Ely & Son established men's haberdashery store in lower floor of Hunt Building, now the offices of Cecil Farmers Telephone Co.

1910

Rex Housekeeper Fox (1898-1910) buried in West Nottingham Friends Meeting burial ground. Funeral attended by members of family and friends. The town people were shocked to learn that the services of a fu-

neral director engaged, together with the cost of a conventional casket totaled 100 dollars.

Rex H. Fox was a pet bulldog belonging to the Geo. Fox family who built the home on Cherry Street now owned by the Raymond Shingler family.

1912

Town water system installed with water available to everyone. Its wells still furnish the best water in the county in spite of the fact that Judge Rollins made us put that nasty chlorine in it.

1913

M. Ely & Son bought the Henry Effing Building opposite Haines & Kirk and operated the men's store until about 1923.

1920

The Komrad Club was the name of a literary society organized by Mrs. Clara R. Biles and Mrs. Frances Dodson, and although the faces have changed and new ones added, the club still has meetings in the form of an evening at cards.

Charter members of Komrad Club were:

Mrs. Clara Biles
Mrs. Frances Dodson
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Rising Sun, 1907. Note the field in back of National Bank where drovers used to pasture cattle, etc, while the men enjoyed the hospitality of the "Rising Sun Tavern", the town's first building in "Summer Hill".

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 Ruth Ewing

Margaret Hindman
 Helen Shepherd

1921

The devastating fire of June 13, 1921 completely consumed our two story Methodist Church, the garage, plumbing-heating establishment of Scott Wilson and Sons on the site of the present Sun Theatre, seriously threatening the whole main street business section. In the evening of that same day, while firemen from Oxford and Elkton together with many other companies as far away as Wilmington, Del., were still quenching the last smouldering ruins, Dr. R. C. Dodson addressed the citizens in the "Chautauqua" tent pitched on the lot where now stands the south wing of the present high school. Dr. Dodson stated "This great loss Rising Sun has suffered today should certainly make us realize that our hand-pulled two-wheeled fire apparatus was woefully out of date and it was imperative that our town have an adequately equipped fire fighting force". In spite of the ever present conservative few that al-



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Methodist Episcopal Church, Rising Sun, Maryland.

ways try to hold back progress with the time worn cry, "Our town is too small to undertake such an expense", "a lot of money to send out of town" the more progressive group of citizens determined to organize a fire company, and within two days after the fire we had an energetic organization. The writer remembers the first meeting when the name of the organization was adopted. "The Community Fire Company of Rising Sun" was suggested by Edward Jenkins.

It might be interesting for future generations of firemen to read just what part their grandfathers and great grandfathers played in the first fire company, so for the record we will list the first officers and members as recorded in a July 1, 1921 newspaper account.

President—R. C. Dodson
 Vice President—Mr. Horace M. Duyckinck
 Secretary—Mr. J. M. Holden
 Financial Secretary—Evans E. Ewing
 Treasurer—Mr. Stewart M. Ward
 Chief—John D. Donache
 Asst. Chief—Job W. Kirk

Twelve directors elected were: H. L. Shepherd, A. M. McNamee, Chas. A. Hutchins, Wm. A. Reeder, David T. Reed, Wm. J. Snyder, John D. Donache, J. T. Cameron, Curtis E. Irwin, Chas. S. Pyle, Perry A. Gibson and B. P. Nichols.

The dues-paid members at the first meeting were: Messrs. H. L. Shepherd, Casper Ansalvish, Francis M. Kennard, Clyde Keilholtz, Arthur J. Dinsmore, A. B. Keen, S. M. Ward, Wm. Harris, Edward Jenkins, El-

wood R. Lynn, Frank A. Hamilton, David T. Reed, Geo. Hunter, Joseph Pouge, Harry L. Woodrow, Nelson James, Hayes Martindale, Wm. J. Snyder, Wm. A. Reeder, Herbert Ward, Marion White, Job Kirk, Joseph Touchton, Wm. Nields, Amos Crawl, Curtis Reynolds, Barclay Gyles, H. S. White, Merton White, R. S. Dodson, Alfred H. Brown, Roy Jones, H. M. Duyckinck, Alfred Burkins, Nepper Edwards, Joseph Smith, Perry Gibson, Calvin Reynolds, Vernon Garvin, Clarence Ashby, Clarence Gifford, Chas. A. Hutchins, Granville McDougal, John Donache, Curtis Irwin, J. M. Holden, John C. Hindman, Chas. S. Pyle, Brinton P. Nichols, Lawson C. Tosh, Evans E. Ewing, W. Louis Ryan, Wm. Reynolds, John Hunter, Willis L. Ely, Wm. L. Ryan, Earl Cooney and W. G. Koons.

Few will remember what an exciting day it was for the townspeople when the first new American La France fire engine (\$10,000) arrived on a freight car at the RR station. There were enough spectators and helpers present to lift the fire engine, freight car and all. The first trip to a fire made chief John Donache aware of the necessity of some set rules as to how many should comprise a crew. The first trip there were thirty-seven men aboard and the engine's hardest task of the day was to haul the crew up Stubbs Hill.

Today in 1960 we are justly proud of the Community Fire Co. of Rising Sun whose unselfish volunteers with four fire engines and a new Cadillac Ambulance have contributed so much in saving life and property in the community.



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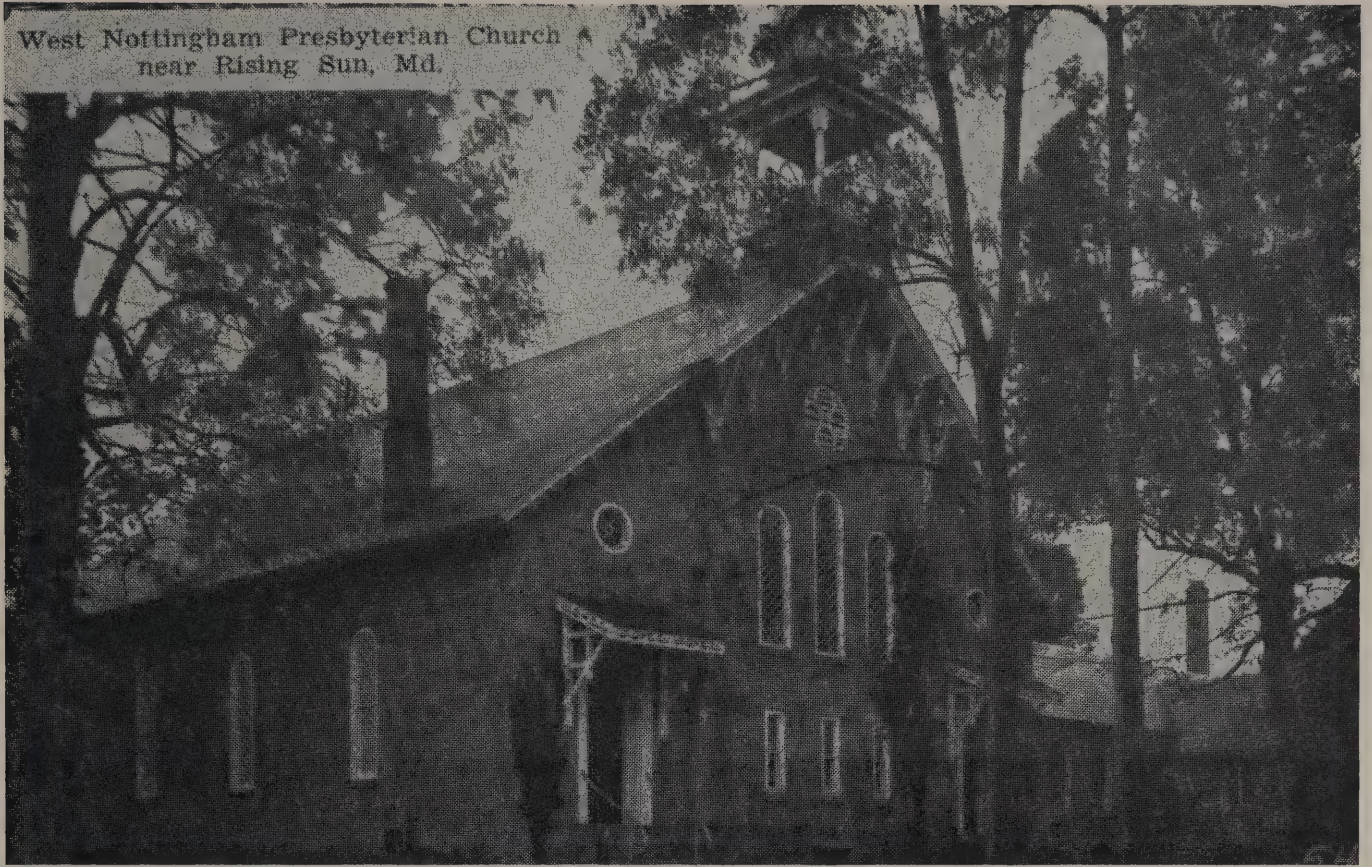
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West Nottingham Presbyterian Church
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1923

Present M. E. Church dedicated November 25, 1923, cost \$45,000.

1926

Philadelphia Electric Co. began building giant \$55,000,000 Conowingo hydro-electric plant. With a maximum force of 5,300 men, the project was completed and put into operation March 1, 1928. The quaint little town of Conowingo which boasted a post-office, a garage, a church, a school, an inn, several canneries, Standard Oil bulk plant and a number of homes, together with a large wooden end of a covered bridge is covered now with possibly sixty five feet or more of water. This little hamlet occupied a site where several centuries ago the Susquehannock Indians pitched their teepees and built forts. Today this lake is fourteen miles long, covering 9,000 acres and impounds 20,000,000 cubic feet of water.

1927

New Years Day the Post Office moved from its long time location in the section of the Allee Shepherd Building (presently occupied by V. W. Nields TV and Appliances) to a new home on E. Cherry St., built by Community Fire Co. (At this date this former post office is occupied by John Keppel Hobby Shop.) Miss Helen Rawlings was postmistress when this move was effected and her brother Marion Rawlings is the present postmaster in the newest Post Office location on Pearl Street.

1930

Official census lists population of Rising Sun at 565 persons.

1932

American Store moved from its original location in the Bechtel Building on the corner of Queen and Cherry Sts., to the store formerly occupied by Allee and Shepherd, Main and Queen Sts.

1935

Mrs. James Delano Roosevelt dined at the Maryland House enroute to the White House in Washington. When departing she expressed her pleasure and that ours was a "very pretty little town".

Capt. Giligan's train schedule was discontinued after operating forty-four years. All railroad mail service from Oxford discontinued as trucks were substituted.

Rising Sun Lions Club Organized. Dr. R. C. Dodson, first president.

First meeting place was in Eby's Restaurant, now Dodsons Pharmacy. First community Christmas tree erected in front of National Bank on exact spot where once stood the town pump that 100 years ago quenched the thirsts of travelers and their horses.

1936

In November work was completed on the sewer system for our town of Rising Sun of less than 600 residents. Pardon us if we proudly mention that Rising Sun seems to have been about 25 years ahead of neighboring towns twice our size that are still struggling with this the sewage problem.

1938

New Methodist Parsonage on N. Main St., opened for inspection.



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**Original building of Friends Normal Institute on Wilson Avenue,
presently the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fraser**

Official census lists our population at 529. We've slipped a bit in the last ten years. Somebody is just not trying.

1939

Christmas morning at 8.00 A.M. one hundred and seven men from the town and community turned out to enjoy a breakfast of bacon and eggs served in the basement of Methodist church by the Men's Bible Classes. It seems that the Pastor, Joe Dickerson, had earlier made a statement that he could induce 100 men to attend an 8 A.M. Christmas morning affair. Nobody believed it could be done. Joe was right: 107.

1940

Southern States Coop bought property at rear of Maryland House and built warehouse to carry on a growing farm supply business.

Through the promotion efforts of Rising Sun Lions Club the town garbage incinerator was built and put into operation. This was probably the first town in Cecil County to provide its residents with free garbage collection twice a week and with a sanitary incinerator to burn all garbage. Again why shouldn't we boast a little. This was twenty years ago.

1941

Joe Dugan welcomed as a new resident of our town.

Joe arrived here with two trucks—both six years old. Today, as an important unit of the Henkle and McCoy Contracting Co., Dugan employs over one hundred employees.

Rising Sun Sportsman's Club organized with Ted Brown serving as its first President. This club is still very active in the community not only as a fish and game organizations but in trap shooting at their club house at Harrisville which is now lighted for night tournaments. This organization has come to the aid of farmers who have had misfortune and were unable to hire help to harvest crops.

1942

On January 30, 1942, the Rising Sun Community Library was organized by a small group of interested persons with Rev. Joseph Dickerson serving as chairman. Using a class room of the Janes Methodist Church as their first location, the Library was officially opened March 14, 1942, with a tea and appropriate ceremonies.

Charter members were:

Mrs. Florence Crothers, Mrs. Helen T. Fassitt, Mr. Barclay Reynolds, Mrs. Dorothy Liddell, Miss Willamina Ward, Miss Lelia Hite, (Fraser), Mrs. Emily Cameron (Morris), Mr. William C. Graham, Mrs. Jean Lucas, Mrs. Louise Cameron, Mrs. Blanche Etter, Mr. Ralph T. Wilson.



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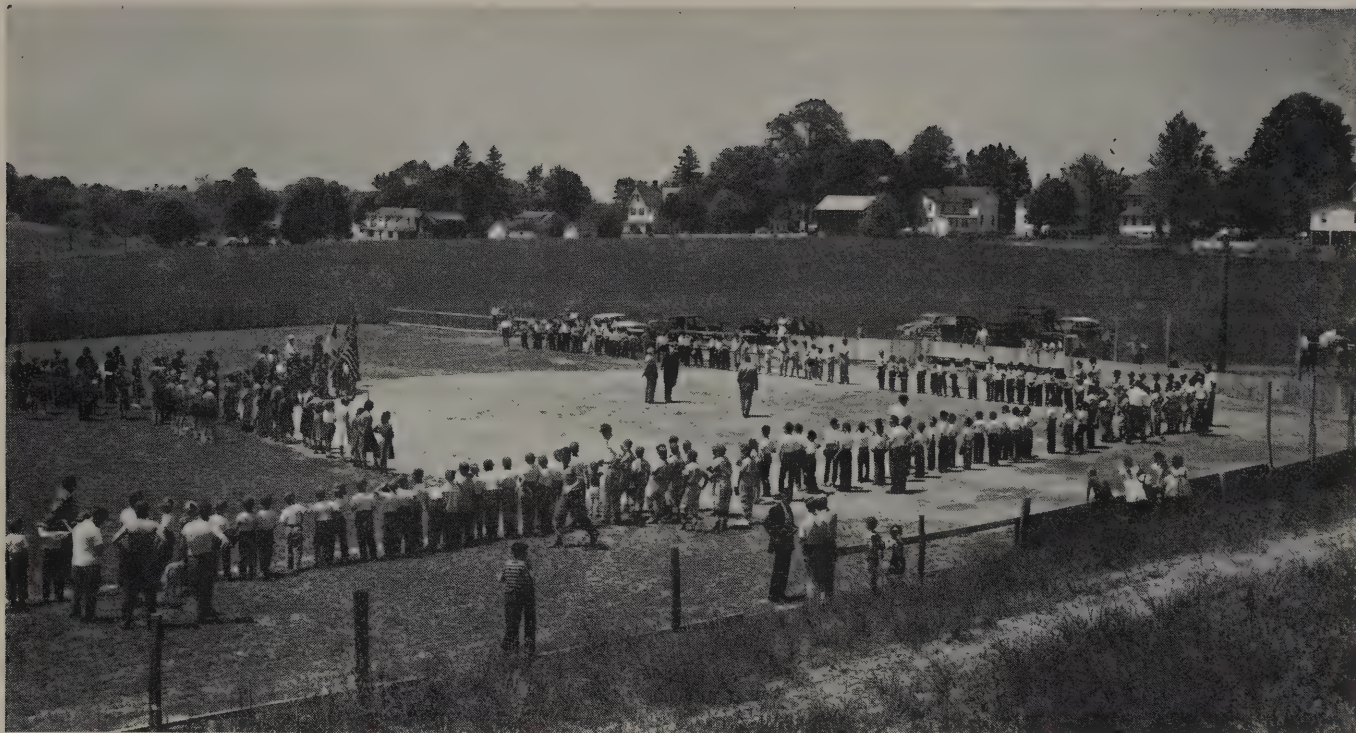
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Opening ceremonies of first Little League game in Rising Sun in 1954. In center field can be seen Dr. R. C. Dodson, Wilson Ewing and the pastor of St. Agnes' Catholic Chapel.

1944

On July 22nd, while Wm. R. Cherry was Scoutmaster of Troop 28, and Harvey W. Ewing was President of Lions Club, the club dedicated Boy Scout Cabin erected on property owned by the National Bank. This picturesque cabin, shown on our souvenir plate, is serving as our Centennial Headquarters, and has a most interesting historical record. In its original location near Birmingham Schoolhouse on the property of Ivan Smith one hundred years ago it was the home of a friendly Quaker who with others of his faith, aided the escape of runaway slaves on their way to freedom. The very logs of this cabin as well as the fireplace warmed and fed many a slave family during the day so they could resume their desperate flight to freedom come night fall.

1946

Mason-Dixon Post #194, The American Legion, Department of Maryland was organized by Dr. R. C. Dodson and received its temporary charter on May 13, 1946 with fifty veterans of World War I and II as Charter Members. The Post received its permanent charter April 1, 1947. First meetings were held in the High School and later rented the top floor of a building one-half mile East of town owned by Mrs. Crigler.

The first Commander of Post 194 was Marion T. White and Dr. R. C. Dodson was Adjutant.

In May 1949 they purchased the "Maryland Inn" just East of town and after extensive improvements, this Home and its appointments are recognized to be one of the nicest for miles around. The Legion Boys are

a hard working and progressive group backed up by a most active Legion Auxiliary. Our town and community share in the just pride of Post 194; in its Building, in its project, and its fine membership.

Through a building project sponsored by businessmen of the Town of Rising Sun, the Fawn Grove Manu- opposite entrance to High School November 16, 1946. This business has prospered and has become one of Rising Sun's biggest sources of employment. Paul Rosen, president. The Company originated in Fawn Grove, Pa., in 1917.

On direct contract the firm made dungarees and work shirts for the Navy and woolen pants and shirts for the Army.

In peacetime employees numbered about 165; during the war they increased to above 200. Approximately two-thirds of the total were women. All employees bought war bonds, and the firm matched each purchase with a gift bond. Awarded the Treasury Department Minuteman flag only a week after the program was initiated, the company believes it was one of the first in the country to receive the citation. Throughout the war the firm continued to include in its profit-sharing plan the 11 of its employees who entered the armed forces. At the war's end the company presented each returning veteran with a complete outfit of clothing.

1947

On Wednesday, Dec. 10th, the first moving picture was shown in the new Sun Theatre, erected and managed by Wm. Buck on the West Main Street where once stood the garage of John S. Wilson and Brother



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1949

Sunday following Labor Day, Miss Helen Shepherd entertained a group of former residents that were teenagers in Rising Sun during the 1910 era or thereabouts. This has since become an annual reunion, being entertained sometimes at the home of Miss Verna Grason on Cherry Street. Since this affair will be coming up during the Centennial Celebration and many of the remaining ones of this original group will be present, we take pride in listing the names of these loyal boosters of our town.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Gillespie, Elkton; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kirk, Wilmington; Mrs. Hudders Greenfield, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Thompson, Bay-side, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Reynolds, Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Reynolds, Elkton; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Effing, Lancaster, Pa.; Miss Marjorie Effing, Accomac, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kirk, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pyle, Drexel Hill, Pa.; Mrs. Wm. Michaels, Media; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pyle, Ridley Park, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Buck, Port Deposit; Mr. Calvin Brumfield, Huntinton Valley, Pa.; Mrs. Emma Dunsife.

And from Rising Sun: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Biles, Mr. Walter M. Cameron, Miss Verna Grason, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Haines, Mr. and Mrs. Job Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roberson, Miss Mary Brumfield, Mrs. Emma McNamee, Mrs. Isabelle Wilson, Rev. and Mrs. Caldwell, Miss Helen Shepherd.

1949

In 1949 the Library moved to the Firehouse Building where it built up an annual book circulation of 7,100. In 1957 the Library moved to its present quarters furnished by the Town Commissioners in their new office building erected the same year. Membership has grown steadily as has the use of its many hundreds of books.

1950

A Summer Playground project was promoted by Lions Club and supported by generous individuals and local organizations. This worthwhile endeavor with paid directors becomes increasingly popular each year, there being about seventy five children reporting daily for the six weeks schedule. Just another of the many successfully operating civic projects in Rising Sun that many other towns seem unwilling to promote.

Through the promotion efforts of the Rising Sun Lions Club and the cooperation of the landowner, John Tosh, Sr., the Community Fish Pond and Recreation Area was constructed, stocked, and maintained by the State Fish and Game Commission. We are fortunate indeed in having induced the State to accept the offer of Mr. Tosh to locate this beautiful pond

at the very edge of town where so many kids and parents can spend hours together in a mutual endeavor—"just fishin'."

1954

Official Little League Baseball was organized in Rising Sun in 1954 largely through the efforts of Wilson Ewing who served as its first president. The ground for our beautiful ball park now containing a second diamond for minor league games was furnished by our local American Legion Post, and the locker room and sanitary facilities were furnished by St. Agnes Catholic Church.

It is reputed to be one of the best in the State and we are proud of all the men and women of the community whose unselfish efforts have made it so. Rising Sun is still a great baseball town, reflecting the efforts of the late Taylor Biles.



VERY TOP OF CECIL

Little town of Rising Sun,
Here you are—Good day!
Here the lines of Mason run,
There's Dixon's line away:

Brick Meeting House a stretch along,
West Nottingham so near—

Very top of Cecil, this,

And, too, the top of cheer!

Sweet wholesomeness of daily life,
Kind neighbors, thoughtful friends;
A village through whose thoroughfares
The kindly spirit wends:

Old houses, gentle wayside spots,
Clean inns, and all the while,
Very top of Cecil, where

The fertile meadows smile!

Pastures of undying grass,
Young wheat so freshly green;
Far back from busy highways set
Old houses so serene:

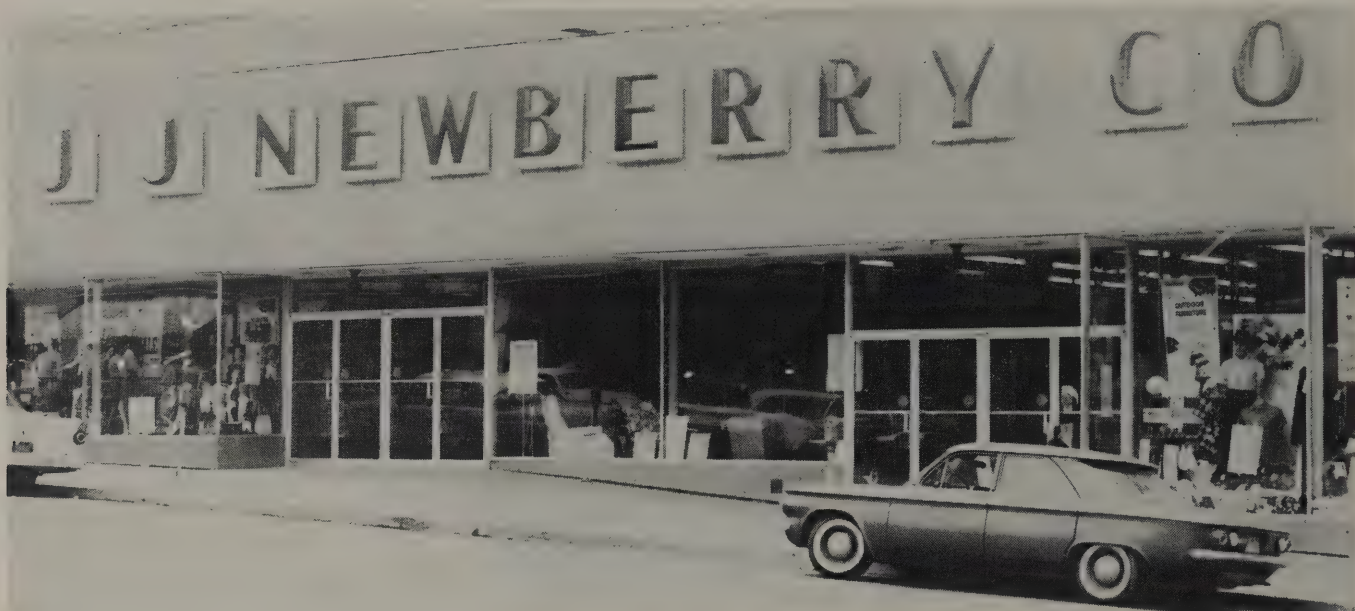
Little town of Rising Sun,

Here you are—good day!

Very top of Cecil, sweet

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Above written by a Cecil County poet, Folgar McKinsey (born 1866), better known as "The BENTZ-TOWN BARD" who at one time worked for the Cecil Whig and later for the Baltimore Morning Sun.



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The History of the Schools

WEST NOTTINGHAM ACADEMY

1744

The earliest and certainly the most famous school in our community, is the West Nottingham Academy, reputed to be the oldest college preparatory school in America. Founded in 1744 by Dr. Samuel B. Finley who later became the president of the College of New Jersey, now called Princeton. Many pages have been written about this great school and its graduates who have distinguished themselves in positions of leadership in the nation. Among the earliest of the many famous men that received their early education at Dr. Finley's Nottingham School was Dr. Benjamin Rush, father of American medicine, and Richard Stockton, lawyer; both signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The exact location of Dr. Finley's first log school, according to Johnston's History of Cecil County, is involved in obscurity but there are reasons that indicate it was a short distance southwest of the center of the village of Rising Sun near the brook, west of where the "New Side" Presbyterian Church was built. Today's interpretation would locate it possibly on the farmland of Phleet Cooper, on West Pearl St., between the residences of Mr. Chalmer McFerren and the Creek. Since we know definitely the location of the graveyard, the "New Side" Nottingham Church could well have been located where now stands the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lawson or of Mr. and Mrs. C. Kirk Brokaw, presently one of our Town Commissioners.



Artist's conception of Dr. Finley's First School near Rising Sun

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Dr. Robert Lewis Mitchell	Dr. John C. Reynolds	Dr. Gifford
Dr. Justus Durnatt	Dr. James Smith	Dr. M. H. Sprecher
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Dr. John Evans MacKall	Dr. John Ragan	Dr. Carpenter
Dr. Robert Hollingsworth	Dr. Brown	Dr. Wallace
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West Nottingham Academy, erected 1830

1780

One hundred years ago, and even before, the education for local children was received in a little stone schoolhouse (1780-1896) located one-half mile east of town at the crossroads where we would turn to go to Little New York, on property now owned by Lester Cross.

1840

Mr. E. Henry Haines wrote in his brief history of Rising Sun that in the 1840's he attended this school with Stephen John Reynolds, grandfather of William Reynolds, who presently farms the original Reynolds homestead on Walnut lane. One of the teachers mentioned by Mr. Haines was "an old Englishman named Bagshaw who took his profession seriously and wasted no time in 'moral suasion' because punishment for ALL violations of his rules was administered with the rod, several of which were kept in the corner by his desk—and there were few that at one time or another did not have some personal experience as to its efficiency." A trap door in the ceiling with ladder leading to the loft or attic was reserved for certain violations which were paid for by confinement in the dark attic with temperature considerably above or below that of the one room school. Favorite pastime at noon was "cornerball" and the Sun boys became so pro-

ficient that they were sometimes given an afternoon off to engage in competition with the Academy boys at West Nottingham.

1859

Up until 1859 there was no free education in our community and this little Stone Schoolhouse was supported by subscription, each parent paying in proportion to his patronage of the school. It was customary for the teacher, before commencing a term of three months, to have each patron sign a paper stating how many pupils he would send to school at a stipulated price for each student without making any deduction for lost time. If a sufficient number of students were guaranteed, the school was duly opened. Others who did not sign sent their children when convenient and paid by the day for actual attendance which was about two and a half to four cents a day. The schooling of children of those too poor to pay the $2\frac{1}{2}$ c was provided for out of the "poor fund" of the county. The teacher made out a list of the above and after being satisfied by two responsible citizens of the district that the pupils were proper subjects for assistance and being affirmed to before the Justice of the Peace, the petition was presented to the county treasurer, the teacher received his pay. A charge against each pupil for fuel was made out in proportion to the time attended and



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Old Stone School House (1780-1896) one-half mile East of Rising Sun

the bill was presented to parents along with tuition charges. Present day teachers can at least be thankful that they do not have the additional duties of collecting tuition and computing each pupil's share of the fuel consumed.

Two early students who received their rudimentary education here were Nathaniel Covington Brooks of Wesleyan Female College, Baltimore, Maryland, and Dr. John C. Reynolds, Surgeon of the U. S. Army.

1829

The ground for the first Rising Sun School was conveyed to John Briscoe, Taylor Reynolds, Wm. Langdon, Howell Kirk and Edwin Haines, Trustees, by Jacob Reynolds and wife, the great-grandfather of Wm. Reynolds, whose farm is adjacent to the school property today. So far the writer has been unable to learn anything about the physical characteristics of this first school in town. There is mention that the first teacher employed was Wm. Topham, an Englishman. "At noon the teacher would instruct the pupils in military tactics, which caused some of the patrons (mostly Quakers) to be dissatisfied with him."

This old school house for many years served the purpose of church school and town hall.

1848

Another early private school for Quaker girls was operated in the fine brick residence that stood on the corner of Main and Walnut streets where now stands the busy service station operated by Raymond Stuart. This school was promoted by one Job Jackson and operated, we are told, only two terms. Mr. Henry Haines writes that "Job was regarded as penurious and like most of us desired to secure a good bargain if his opposite in the deal would agree. A story went the rounds that Job had agreed to board the teacher for a certain sum but when they came to settle he tried to charge her more on the grounds that she had eaten so much more than he had estimated. After a few years Job sold his property and moved back to his native place in Chester County, Pa.

1864

All the above mentioned schools were operated on a tuition basis, however, under the supervision of the public school commissioner for the sixth election district, Dr. Slater B. Stubbs (who built and resided in the home at top of "Stubbs Hill", now the home of Leslie Rawlings) the second school building but first public school was erected in 1864 on the present school property. To be exact, the location of this two room brick school was partly on the present driveway to the



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First Public School in Rising Sun, erected 1864 on Pearl Street

athletic field, no more than twenty-five feet from the fence with its front step possibly forty feet from the sidewalk. To distinguish this school from the other private ones the townspeople always referred to it as "The Public". At one time it might have had an official name like our other schools that were named for Presidents but we can find no former students that can recall any name. "We just called it 'The Public' and that's all." (Oh, well, perhaps the next person who writes in the book for Rising Sun's bi-centennial will have found the real name. The building was torn down anyhow in 1915 after the newer four-room school was put into service.)

1876-1880

Through the efforts of Geo. B. Passmore, a member of the Society of Friends, the Friends' Normal School was founded and first classes were held in the hall building, first floor, North side. Mr. Geo. B. Passmore was first principal and was succeeded by Wm. F. Overholt. By 1880 the Quakers got together and raised enough money to build a new building on Wilson Avenue. (Today this is the attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fraser, both of whom have been very active in planning this centennial.)

From a year book of the graduating class of 1895 we read: "This institution is situated in the beautiful town of Rising Sun on the Central Division of the

PW&B Railroad, one of the most healthy and pleasant localities in the county, yet it is far removed from the evil attractions and temptations of the large and populous cities. It is situated in a quiet part of town where students may apply their minds to labor without being annoyed by the stir and bustle of business. There is lots of room for the little folks to indulge in their innocent pastimes without being hindered by the larger scholars." Graduates were prepared to enter freshman class of Swarthmore College without entrance exams.

After operating as a private school for twenty years or more, its operation was taken over by the County when Miss Bessie Rawlings and Miss Bert Graham were remembered as the last teachers before the building was sold and converted into a residence.

1900

Another modest but important school operated in Rising Sun from about 1900 until June, 1940. The fine Christian influence of the beloved teacher, Miss Mabel Reynolds, we are sure, is reflected in the lives of many of our citizens of today. Those who were not privileged to attend this little school always referred to it jokingly as "The Angel School" but we can think of no person more qualified to teach such a school than Miss Mabel.

Her first school, according to our former Mayor Norris Reynolds, who was an early student, was held in the front room of Mrs. Walter Buffington's home on



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Miss Mabel Reynolds' School, 1901. Classes held in home now residence of Dr. and Mrs. Busey.

East Main St., now the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Busey. Next, as related by Hugh Evans, it was moved to E. Cherry Street in a little building that stood in the side yard of Henry Cummings' home, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ryan. Still later, possibly around 1907, the "Angel School" was held in a little building that was once the office of Job Haines, located on corner of Wm. Pogue's lawn, now the home of Jack Buck and family. The next location was in a small room of the Town Hall (Fire House), and its last move was to the renovated top floor of the barn or stable on Miss Mabel's property on Walnut Street.

What this modest school lacked in facilities and a permanent location was more than compensated by its excellent scholastic standing in the county. It could not be disputed that Miss Mabel Reynolds taught more potential college students than county schools many times the size. The school was discontinued in June, 1940. Miss Mabel passed away in 1954.

1906

"The first Agricultural high school in Maryland opened Oct. 1st, 1906, at Calvert, one of the most fertile sections of Cecil County. The building had three rooms and was surrounded by 14 acres of land. Mr.

Garey, one of the school commissioners of Cecil, is much interested in school consolidation and it would not be surprising if this county becomes a pioneer in the establishment of a consolidated system of schools all over Maryland. The sentiment in favor of this system is growing very rapidly." (The above was taken from a 1906 Newspaper.)

1912-1917

The teachers of the period 1912 to 1917 as recalled by former students were Miss Nellie Shannan, Miss Benigna Hohn, Miss Bessie Hartnett, Miss Ethel Hall, Miss Mabel Barber, Miss Helen Shepherd and Mrs. L. E. B. Jackson. A new four-room brick school building was erected to replace "The Public" and after students completed eight grades there many entered Tome School at Port Deposit and also West Nottingham Academy. Later, possibly around 1920 or 1921, high school courses were added and this four-room building served to graduate its first class in 1924. The four members of the first class were Richard Hanna, Jeannette Reed, Mildred Snyder and Leona Umberger.

Since the history of our high school's growth from this point has been well recorded in subsequent year books, our part of the school coverage could well end here.

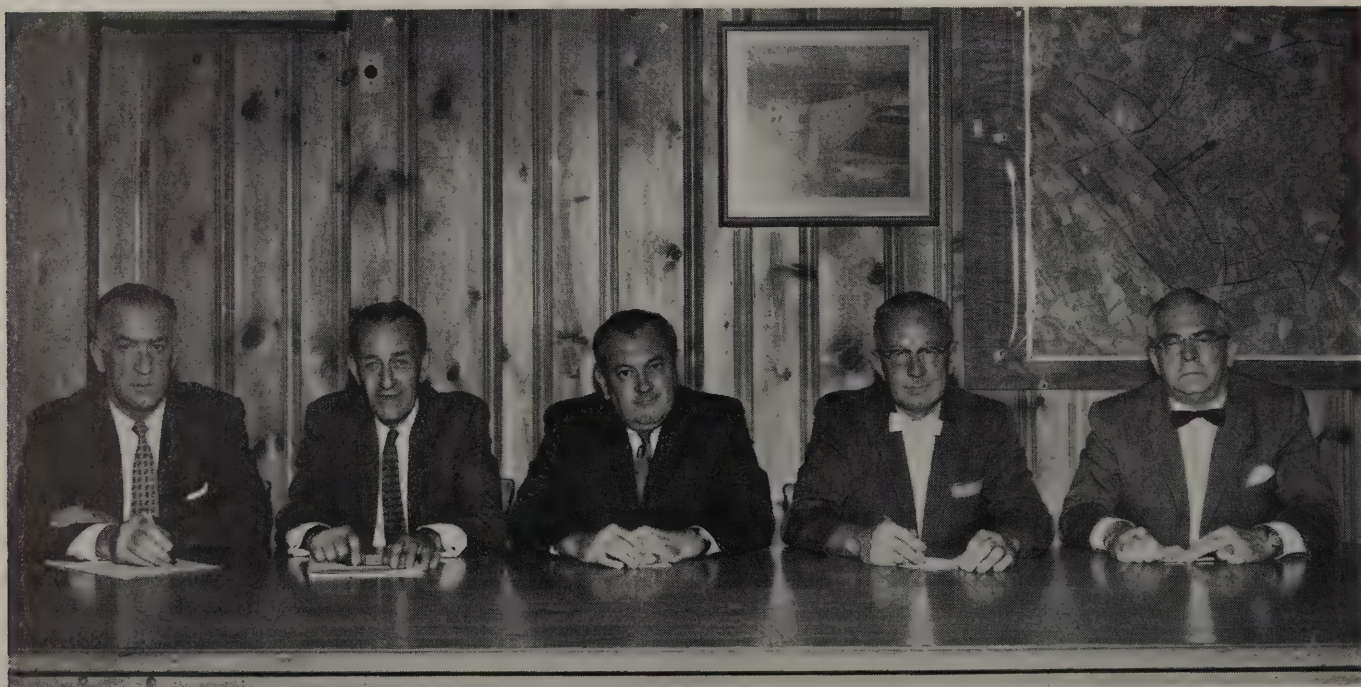


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Characters

In reviewing the history of our town we would feel downright guilty if we failed to keep alive the memory of some individuals who in one way or another have added the color that makes a small town the best place in the world to live.

YOU ARE A REAL OLD TIMER — IF YOU REMEMBER

James (Bud) Haines, local shopsmith, blacksmith and jack of all trades who, when not selling sewing machines, gained notoriety by concocting a cancer cure that proved to be a wonderful thing for the railroad ticket sellers. The word of this great medicine spread abroad the land and many came to Rising Sun by railroad seeking the offices of “Dr. Haines” and his remarkable remedy only to find him in a blacksmith’s leather apron probably pounding on an anvil. Many claimed they were helped, some said they were cured, but Bud never did confide his secret formula which he called “applesass.”

1900

The devoted efforts of a Miss Margaret Phillips from Harrisville in her campaign to keep our streets in a more presentable appearance. Should we say she conducted our first anti-litter program?

1905

Allen Payne, a bicycle riding newspaper reporter, who more than fifty years ago had the first “mobile home” in the county. This small house on wagon wheels pulled by horses, we understand, was built by Mr. Samuel Cather, late husband of Mrs. Sadie Cather, who presently makes her home with her sister, Mrs. C. E. Irwin. For years, while this building was owned by Jake McVey, it stood on the lot now occupied by the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McMullen on Mount Street. If you are fifty you might recall the building was bought and moved by a band of “local hoodlums” to serve as their clubhouse until they donated it to the land owner to provide living quarters for a worthy man, Bill Scott. Bill will be remembered as the smallest man in our band who played the biggest horn: a “hellicon base”, he called it.

1909

Christopher T. Snyder who had a grocery store and ice cream parlor on the corner of Cherry and Queen Sts., now the store of C. E. Irwin. Chris’ bread delivery wagon was pulled by a gray horse “Nellie” that knew all the stops on the route and needed no driver. While the delivery boy, Vernon Garvin, rode on the back of the wagon, “Nellie” would never fail to stop in front of the next customer’s home. Chris also added color to Rising Sun by being a pretty good baseball player together with promoting some championship teams, and owning the baseball field where Mount Street was later

laid out. Mr. Snyder even owned a merry-go-round which was operated on the lot now occupied by the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Buck.

1910

Cecil Cummings when he was operator of a local livery stable that stood on the site of Joseph Pogue’s auto repair shop. It was in this shop that the plans for many practical jokes were conceived and carried out. Cecil’s sharp wit will never be forgotten because his wisecracks after being passed on through two generations are still getting more laughs than ever.

1911

Charlie Lawson, who kept a grocery store where now stands our new post office—and his buggy-wheeled truck that never learned to respond to his shouts of “Whoa” and it is told that he once made several trips past his store before the stopping mechanism could be put into action.

1912

Mr. Nathan Britton who less than fifty years ago was our lamplighter. Every morning he made the rounds to clean the globes and fill with kerosene (we called it “coal oil” in those days) all the town’s street lights, and then at dusk he would make another trip with his little ladder under his arm climbing each post to be the real “lamplighter of long, long ago.”

Mr. Nathan Britton was the only person on the town’s payroll. In addition to taking care of the street lamps seven days a week, he was the effective bailiff that kept the town in order, and with a wheelbarrow and sometimes a horse cart (total equipment of the street dept.) he would keep the streets (roads) in repair and straighten the slate paving blocks every spring. Wearing his silver star of authority and in his plain Quaker language he would admonish the boys—“If thee doesn’t stop riding thy bicycle on the sidewalk, I will have to put thee in the lock-up for an hour.” Even though he weighed no more than 125 pounds, he was the law and the boys all feared him—in those days backtalk to the law was unheard of.

1914

And dear Maggie Harrison who lived with Snyders and took an active part in all church affairs, and who, after moving to Havre de Grace, was always so warmly welcomed back to Rising Sun on her regular visits on behalf of The Salvation Army.

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YOU ARE NOT SO YOUNG IF YOU REMEMBER

1915

Miss Caroline Brown who lived on S. Queen St., in the little red house under the tree where now stands the Town Office and Library. The reader is no less than fifty if he or she can remember the huge lilac bush beside her house, the sweet fragrance of which tempted many children to break off a few blooms, knowing full well they would be chased by Miss Caroline and her broom. She was a kind old lady who was very appreciative of the many buckets of water and an occasional hot meal the writer carried to her house when a boy of 10 or 11.

1915

Billy Landers who worked at Duyckinck's Warehouse. He "were a qualified" member of the "Brothers of the Brush" and would have been the envy of us amateur whisker growers in this Centennial Celebration.

1918

Mr. "Ad" Keen who was the able organizer and leader of the traditional serenades that all newlyweds learned to expect and prepare for. Mr. Keen was always present to lead the three "Hip-Hip-Hooray" cheers and with the strong arms of the blacksmith he was, he made sure the treats were evenly distributed, that the big kids didn't get more than their share at the expense of the little ones. Those were exciting moments for all.

1921

Mr. Brinton P. Nichols, local merchant and most respected magistrate who once fined General Smedley D. Butler, highest ranking U. S. Marine, for hurrying too much through our community. General Butler strongly objected to such treatment and delay, stating that he was an important man on his way to a very important appointment in Philadelphia and couldn't be bothered with small town traffic regulations. It has often been told that Mr. Nichols in his quiet manner re-

plied "Well, dans alive, Mr. Butler, you should have started a little sooner. The fine will be \$26.45." According to the law—Mr. Nichols refused to accept his personal check, and it is told that Gen. Butler had to have money sent from West Chester.

1922

Miss Mae Horwitz, the much educated maiden lady who settled here after building a small home on Mount Street for herself and cat named "Gem". Few will recall this lady by her correct name because she was known to most people by a kitchen product she sold, "EGGSAVE". Some will remember the black umbrella she never failed to carry—even while seashore bathing in the long sleeved, longer skirted bathing dress. The writer can recall that Miss Mae had no intention of cultivating a suntan in the slightest degree, which she proved on a bus trip to the Sunday School Picnic by holding her umbrella out the side of the bus for protection against the sun.

1923

Charley McNutt, an afflicted one, who although sometimes misunderstood by visiting strangers, enjoyed the understanding and friendship of all in Rising Sun. Charlie lived and died here never having done an unkind act and he had not a single enemy.

1924

Andy Manguette, the Belgian World War I vet, who came here to work in the first American Store when it was in the Bechtel Building, N.E. Corner Cherry and Queen Sts. Many did not know that Andy was a talented artist. Some of his paintings may still be in Rising Sun today.

1925

Mr. Joseph Boddy one of the kindest and most respected citizens we ever knew. Everybody admired and loved this fine colored gentleman—and it looks as if his son "Tack" is certainly a "chip off the old block".

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE OLD AT ALL TO REMEMBER

1920

Taylor R. Biles, our town's "Mr. Baseball," who always played the game to win. More than anybody else he established Rising Sun as a baseball town. His influence as a true sportsman is still reflected in recent championship teams his "boys" have coached, and the stories of "Biles' Team" in the old Susquehanna League will never fade.

1930

Jacob McVey, a retired bachelor who, between trips to the hospital where he eventually left a leg, could be found on most any street corner in Rising Sun with a "Morning Telegraph" under his arm either talking

about the fish he had caught yesterday or where he was planning to fish tomorrow if he could promote the transportation. Jake lived a rather quiet uneventful life but he will never be forgotten in Rising Sun because in his will he bequeathed to the Town of Rising Sun the total of his estate without restrictions. With these funds the Town Commissioners appropriately built a much needed Town Office and Library in his memory. We are justly proud of this fine building and plaque which bears Jake's name.

1940

John C. Hindman, long time Town Commissioner,



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whose devotion and pride in the efficiency of our town government will never be equalled. Many citizens have expressed the thought that Mr. Hindman's untimely passing was a great loss to our town. "He would have enjoyed so much this great Centennial Celebration", is a comment being heard frequently. In our book he was "Mr. Rising Sun".

Clarence (Pete) Alexander, the jolly colored man who for many years worked for John S. Wilson. In spite of Pete's advanced years he was always young at heart and could do a jig dance that would shame the efforts of any of the "jitterbugs" of today. His many friends in Rising Sun mourn his passing in 1960.

Mr. Henry Price, our last blacksmith, whose sturdy wheelbarrows in all sizes will still be strong and able when Rising Sun's bi-centennial rolls around.

Miss Mary Brumfield who passed out delicious cookies and candy to three generations of little folks who visited her regularly in coaches, roller skates, express wagons and bicycles. She and Mr. Jerome Brumfield had one of the first really smooth cement walks which invited anything one could ride on wheels—and she was never known to complain about the muddy tracks left on her clean walk. She just loved kids—anybody's!

The writer would be totally without family pride if he failed to add to this list of individuals who have added some color to our town the names of Allie and Emma Wilson McNamee who loved to sing and were

always eager to take an active part, and often direct, home talent endeavors, of which there were many such as "Oh Aunt Jerusha," "Uncle Ephriam's Summer Boarders," etc. In their attic there seemed to be an inexhaustible supply of costumes for plays and Halloween clothes that were borrowed regularly. We recall how Mrs. Mac used to enjoy reciting at social events particularly at Hopewell and Ebenezer where the repeated request was for a number about a tobacco-chewing man at a railroad crossing.

Norman Thomas Kirk, Major General, Medical Corps, was one of our most respected and illustrious native sons. General Kirk was born January 3, 1888 at Rising Sun, Maryland. He was graduated from Tome School, Port Deposit, Md. and received his Doctor of medicine from the University of Maryland in 1910. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps in 1912. He was assigned to the Walter Reed Hospital in 1919, again in 1930 and in 1941 was named Chief of its Surgical Service.

He became Army Surgeon General on June 1, 1943, a post he held until his retirement in 1947. During his tenure as Army Surgeon General he headed the largest Medical Service in United States History.

General Kirk died on August 13, 1960 at Walter Reed Hospital. Buried with full Military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday, August 16, 1960.



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The "C" in Dr. Richard C. Dodson's middle initial must surely stand for "Civic" because his outstanding record as a civic leader in this community will never be forgotten. He was the "spark plug" in 1921 in organizing The Community Fire Company of which he was its first president. He was the first president of our Lions Club. He was the leader in organizing our American Legion Post which has the finest home for miles around. He was instrumental in raising the funds and promoting the idea of the first Christmas Tree in our Center Square, which has become a tradition. He has served as Mayor of our town and master of ceremonies at almost any function that required an able one.

Along with these and many other civic activities since his first arrival here in 1916 he has had time to administer to the sick of four generations, and most remarkable of all, to bring into this world over four thousand babies, enough to populate our town five or six times.

We honor Dr. Dodson today and trust he will proudly enjoy this celebration in Rising Sun, of which he is still an important part.



The Centennial Headquarters—built from the logs of old house used to hide slaves during Civil War.

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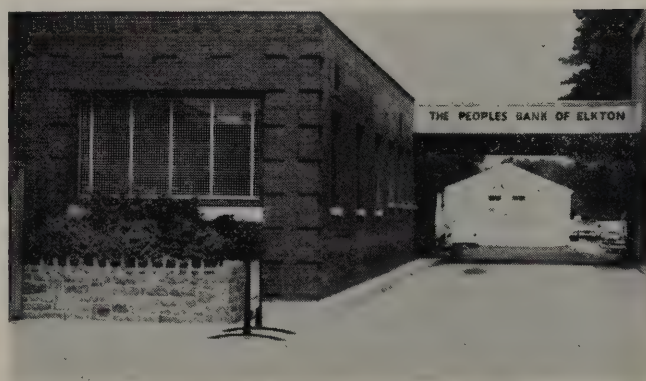
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G. S. Dare, M.D. Res. N. Queen St.	Practicing Physician Office hrs: 6 to 8 A.M. 12 to 2 P.M. 6 to 9 P.M.	Does anybody know?
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G. W. Wilson Cherry Street	1st Class Livery Stable	?
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Dr. I. S. Worrall Office over Hardware Store		2nd Floor Haines & Kirk
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T. V. Bonsal John C. Hindman	Lumber, Grain & Fertilizer Auctioneer and Collector of Claims	? Present home of Mrs. Herman Brit- ton, West Main Street
Thompson House Cor. Main & Pearl St.	1st Class Hotel	Could it be that this was later named Maryland House?
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Sam'l T. Jamison	Restaurant	Now Dodson's Pharmacy
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Allee & Shepherd	Dry Goods & Clothing	Cor. Main & Queen Sts. Presently the American Store
M. Ely & Son	Mens Clothing	N. Side E. Main St. New Laundramat to be here
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Job W. Kirk	Moving Pictures also Met. Life Insurance	2nd Floor, Firemens Hall
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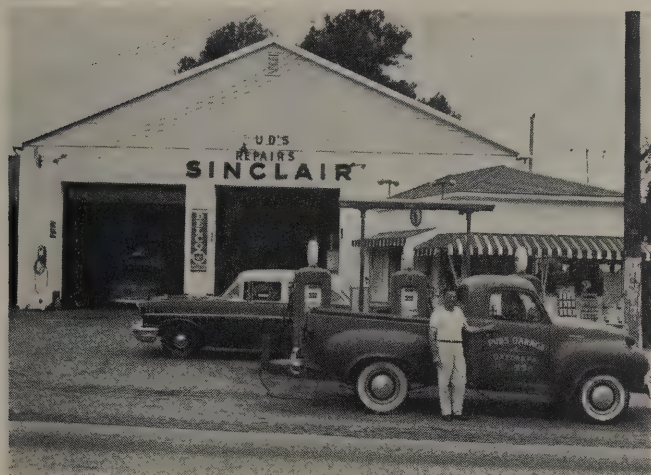
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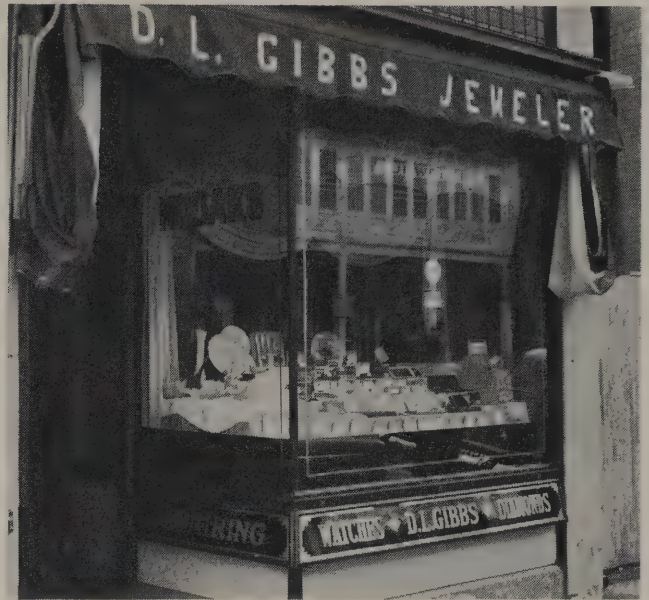


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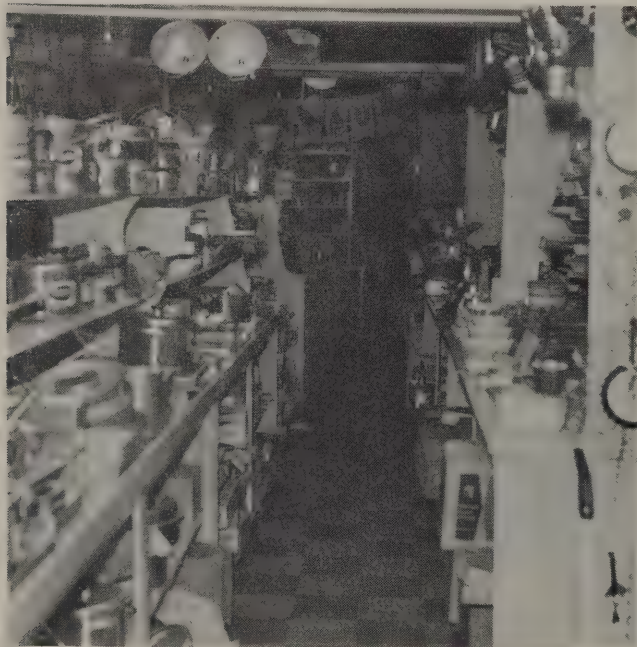


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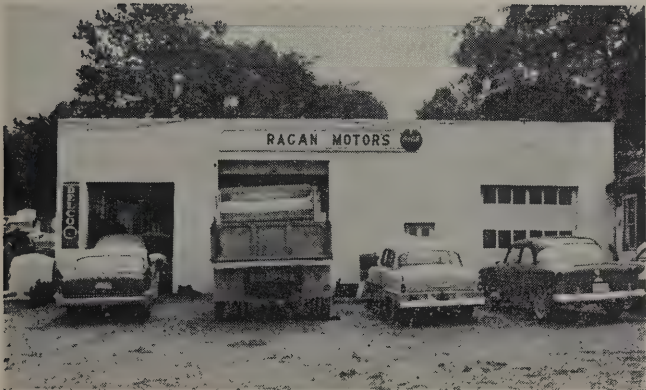
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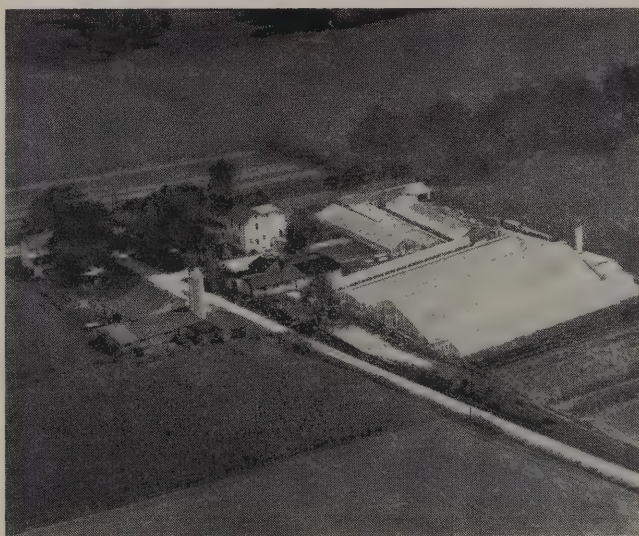
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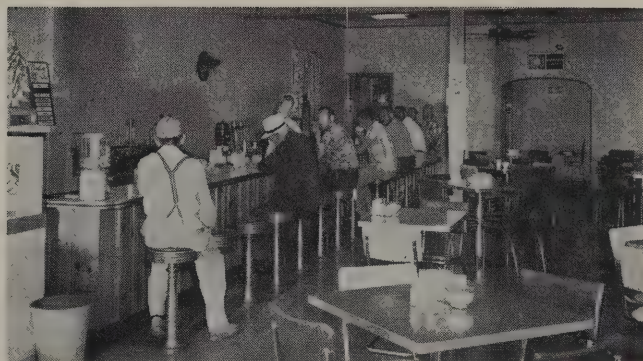


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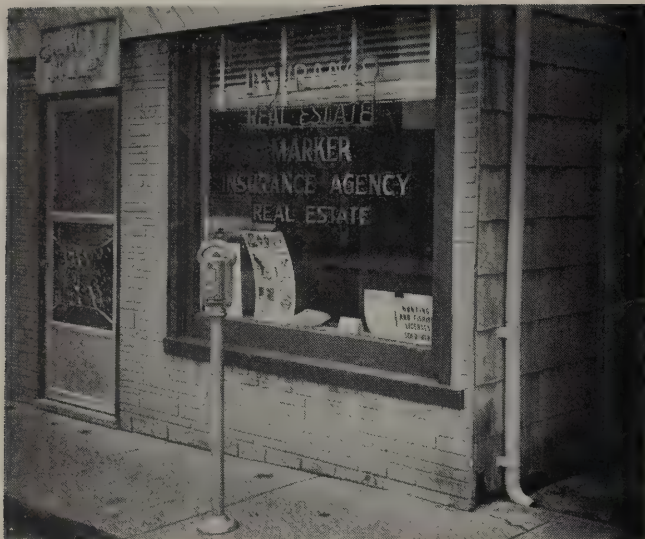
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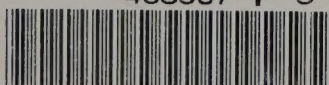
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